

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
August 5, 2021

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Terry Nienhuis, Clerk Michael Dalman, Treasurer Vince Bush, and Trustees Elliott Church, Gretchen Molotky, and Russ TeSlaa. Also present were Township Manager Steve Bulthuis and Community Development Director John Said.

Absent: Trustee Doug Becker

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mr. Bush gave the invocation.

Citizen's Comments: Lexie Kasper, from the Ottawa Conservation District, told the Board and left literature about an event – Cultivating Resilience 2021 – A Farm Field Day.

Mr. Nienhuis reviewed the consent agenda.

21-88 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. TeSlaa, to approve the consent agenda including communications (Thank you from Gwen Auwerda for support of Tulip Time), operational reports (Building Report for July), bills and financial transactions for July, and the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on July 15, 2021.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The next item was a second reading and consideration for approval of a proposed text amendment ordinance regarding farm markets.

21-89 Mr. TeSlaa made a motion, supported by Mr. Bush, to approve a Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance to restate Section 9.10 or Article 9 of the Holland Charter Township Ordinance and amend associated articles for the addition of farm markets and eliminating references to farmers markets; and to provide for the effective date of this ordinance.

Roll call vote: Yes-1, No-5, Absent-1
Motion defeated

The Board then considered a “revised” resolution that would provide a moratorium on multi-family housing review and approval. The Planning Commission recommended the Board adopt a moratorium to allow the Planning Commission to get caught up and to allow the Township to update its Zoning Ordinance or its Comprehensive Plan based on a potential review of the Township's housing market by a consulting service. A prior version was tabled on July 15. The current resolution provides a moratorium on residential developments requiring a Comprehensive Plan amendment and/or a Zoning Map amendment that does not correspond to the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Plan.

21-90 Mr. Church offered a resolution, supported by Mr. TeSlaa, which would provide a moratorium on certain multi-family housing review and approval through August 5, 2022.

Roll call vote: Yes-6, No-0, Absent-1
Resolution declared adopted

The Board then considered approval of a streetlight relocation at the intersection of Franklin Ave./Garfield Ave. The work entails removing the existing center-suspended light and installing a light on a pole in the northeast corner of the intersection.

21-91 Moved by Mr. Bush and supported by Mr. Dalman to request the relocation of the streetlight at the intersection of Franklin Ave./Garfield Ave.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The next item for consideration was related to Ottawa County Drain matters. This resolution was to approve an application for laying out and designating a new James Street-Westshore Drainage District and to file a petition to establish a new James Street-Westshore Drain. Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the reason for the resolution to be considered by the Board. Board members shared questions.

21-92 A resolution was offered by Mr. TeSlaa, supported by Mr. Bush, to approve an Application for laying out and designating a new James Street-Westshore Drainage District and to file a petition to establish a new James Street-Westshore Drain.

All supported the resolution
Resolution declared adopted

The next item for consideration was the renewal of a franchise agreement with Great Lakes Energy Cooperative (formerly the O & A Electric Cooperative, Inc.). Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the rationale for this action. Township legal counsel has approved the document in the form of an ordinance. Mr. TeSlaa introduced this for a first reading.

The next item for consideration was a Support Emergency Operations Plan. The Support Emergency Operations Plan describes how the Township will handle a large-scale emergency situation in cooperation with the Ottawa County Emergency Management. This document updates a 2017 document.

21-93 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Ms. Molotky, to approve the Support Emergency Operations Plan.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

Mr. Bulthuis shared his administrative report. He reminded the Board of the Budget Review Session on September 2 (light meal at 5:00, work session at 5:30). Board members also shared committee reports and updates.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Terry Nienhuis, Supervisor