

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, April 3, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Kathy Misner, Nick Breedveld and Tom Gilmer. Absent: Ryan Wieber. Also present City Manager Beard.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Gilmer moved to excuse Commissioner Wieber, seconded by Commissioner Misner. CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017, were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

VI. AGREEMENTS

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION #4 – SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR APRIL 17, 2017 - FOR THE SIDEWALK AND CURB AND GUTTER IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS ON SOUTH FARMER STREET PHASE TWO

Manager Beard explained that the Resolution is to set a Public Hearing for the South Farmer Street Phase Two Project, Special Assessment #113, for April 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. This Public Hearing will give the owners an opportunity to appeal the Special Assessment.

Commissioner Misner offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer.

**CITY OF OTSEGO
MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION #4 –
SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR APRIL 17, 2017 - FOR THE
SIDEWALK AND CURB AND GUTTER IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS
ON SOUTH FARMER STREET PHASE TWO**

WHEREAS, the City Commission by resolution heretofore adopted to direct the City Assessor to prepare a Special Assessment Roll for the purpose of defraying the Special Assessment District's share of the cost of the improvement hereinafter more particularly described; and

WHEREAS, said Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and certified as required by said resolution and the Charter and Ordinances of the City and has been filed in the office of the City Clerk and has been presented to the City Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- (1) Said Special Assessment Roll shall remain on file in the Office of the City Clerk and be available for public inspection.
- (2) The City Clerk shall give notice of a public hearing by first class mail posted at least 10 days prior to said hearing to each person or owner having an interest in property assessed in the special assessment district shown on said roll, and said notice shall also be given by publication when required by general law.
- (3) The notice of hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission has tentatively determined to make improvements consisting of sidewalk and curb and gutter improvements on Farmer Street; in the City and to defray part or all of the cost by special assessment upon the following described lands:

FARMER STREET

Parcel Numbers:

54-121-005-00	54-121-010-00	54-120-011-00
54-023-074-00	54-023-075-00	54-023-061-00
54-120-005-00	54-023-078-00	54-023-079-00
54-121-006-00	54-023-060-00	54-023-080-00
54-120-006-00	54-023-073-00	54-023-081-00
54-120-007-00	54-023-072-00	54-023-083-00
54-121-008-00	54-023-071-00	54-023-070-10
54-120-010-00	54-023-070-00	54-023-082-00
54-121-009-00		

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the report of the City Manager describing the proposed improvement and the special assessment roll are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and available for public inspection.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. A written appeal may be filed by the property owner or any person having an interest in the affected real property with the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days following the confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll, provided the Special Assessment was protested at the hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Commission will meet at the Otsego City Hall in said City on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. local time for the purpose of reviewing said Special Assessment Roll and hearing all persons interested therein and consider all written objections thereto, regarding the expense, necessity and assessment thereof.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Tom Gilmer, Kathy Misner, Nick Breedveld.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Ryan Wieber.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15 - A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES (RRC) PROGRAM

Manager Beard gave an overview of the Redevelopment Ready Community Program and the benefits of the program. The certification process must be initiated before October 2017. He commented that he had attended the training offered by the MEDC with Mayor Trobeck, Main Street Manager Owens, and Economic Development Director Rayman.

Commissioner Misner offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld.

CITY OF OTSEGO
MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES (RRC) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego has adopted a Master Plan in 2014 which will guide the future development and redevelopment of the City; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for the redevelopment of existing parcels and buildings will be a significant source of future growth and investment in the City given the limited opportunities for greenfield development within the City Limits; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to strive to create a climate which encourages investment which is a cause which will be furthered by participation in the RRC Program through the streamlining of our planning and development process; and

WHEREAS, the RRC Program was created by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to assist communities in identifying and strengthening weak areas in a community's development process thereby reducing procedural uncertainties which discourage investment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego wishes to join the program as a means to assess our own internal processes with the eye toward making the most out of future development opportunities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Otsego, Michigan is supportive of the efforts initiated by Staff in the self-evaluation process of the RRC Program and looks forward to the MEDC's feedback on how the City's procedures may be improved to the benefit of all.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Tom Gilmer, Kathy Misner, Nick Breedveld.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Ryan Wieber.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Manager Beard gave an update on the following: South Farmer Street Project – going out to bid on Wednesday; Eley lot sales; and the Amicus briefing.
2. Manager Beard asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding his Manager's Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gilmer – he stated that Bob's Hardware had a wonderful celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony. He commented that Bruce Meles has made a huge commitment to the community. He stated that he has known Bruce for a long time and there was a time that he might have been hesitant to make such a large financial commitment to the community, but Bruce believes that we have a bright future. He further commented that Bruce is a good business man and we are blessed to have him in our town.

Commissioner Breedveld – he echoed Commissioner Gilmer's comments. He commented that a few years ago Bruce might not have made this big commitment, as it is a lot of money to spend and it is hard to be self-employed and own your own business. He commended Bruce Meles for his commitment to the community.

Mayor Trobeck – she echoed Commission Gilmer and Breedveld's comments. She congratulated Bob's Hardware on 65 years of being in business in Otsego.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. CARRIED – 7:18 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk