

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller
Roll Call: Ben Oatley, Trustee; Dan Zeigler, Trustee; Joseph Daller, Supervisor
Cara Johnson, Treasurer; Lynda Sower, Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A short Prayer was given by David Hodges, County Supervisor

Approval of Agenda: Daller stated that there was an addition to the agenda, that being under Guest, Thomas Albert. Johnson moved that the agenda be approved with the addition and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2017: Johnson moved that the minutes be approved and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables and Pay roll: Johnson moved that we approve the payment of bills and payroll and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Acct' Payable	\$14,456.83
Payroll	<u>\$ 7,063.84</u>
TOTAL	\$21,520.67

Communications: We received communication from the following: Charter, Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management, Flat River Watershed Group, and MTA training.

Guest: Thomas Albert, State Representative introduced himself and wanted to connect with the township. He had three issues that he wanted to talk to us about, Prevailing Wage Repeal, State Budget, and Federal Tax Reform. He stated that Education and Pensions are a main topic too. He told the residents that they could call him with any issues that they would like to talk to him about. Phone Number: 1-517-373-0846

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Veenstra reported that there were: six arrest on warrants, 1 drunk driver, forged license plate. He is working with agencies in the area on what to do if there is an act of violence where they are. He has been to Yesterday Daycare in Belding and he is going to go to Ashley Baptist Church. He is working in the Red Ribbon Program, about drug awareness, and has been to the Faith Community School. He commented that they now have their new dash cams in their autos.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported that they would have a meeting in March or April.

County Commissioner: David Hodges stated that it was Law Appreciation Day and he gave Deputy Veenstra some cookies and the audience applauded. Hodges reported that he was on several committees for the county; Smart, West Zone Planning Commission, Trail, Audit. In 2017 there was a ground breaking at the Court House, Bertha Brock park had new windows and siding in the cabin in the woods. There was a request from the Sheriff Dept. for a new vehicle needed for the detective, Promotion of a uniform officer to be made a Sargent & Correction Officer to be a Sargent.

Planning Committee: Johnson reported that they had a short meeting about the joint meeting that is been planned for the people working on committees and the board.

ZBA: Zeigler reported that they had a short meeting and gave a variance to Ashley Baptist for their church to put up a new sign.

Unfinished Business:

Assessor's Job Description: Daller reported that he had not completed the work on this, but would get it to Johnson and Sower in a week or so.

Cemetery Ordinance Amendments: Sower had a list of things in the 2017 Ordinance that she would like to have changed. After a discussion on this subject, Daller thought that there should be another area omitted about fees. Daller moved that we change some of the language in the ordinance but not everything that Sower had suggested, and Johnson Supported. 5-0 approved (These changes can be seen in the Amended Cemetery Ordinance, located in the Clerk's office)

Joint Meeting: Daller stated that the date for the joint meeting would be March 22, 2018(Thursday) @ 7:00p.m.

Reappointments to PC & ZBA: Daller has made the appointment for these positions.

Jim Tarkowski	3 Yrs.	Planning Commission
Frank Mason	3 Yrs.	Planning Commission and the ZBA
Glenn Geiger	3 Yrs.	Alternate for ZBA

The officers for these committees are the same as the previous year.

ICRC 2017 Evaluation of Paved Roads: The board will be looking at this when the budget is being planned for 2018-2019.

Public Comment: Desmond Pike stated that someone he knew thought that limestone worked better than gravel on the roads.

Sower stated that she had talked to MTA and was wonder why we have two public hearings for the budget when only one is required.

Zeigler moved that we adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Daller supported.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk