

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING AMENDED
APRIL 10, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller
Roll Call: Dan Zeigler, Trustee; Ben Oatley, Trustee; Lynda Sower, Clerk;
Cara Johnson, Treasurer; Joseph Daller, Supervisor
David Hodges, County Commissioner gave a short prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Daller had some changes in the Agenda; Under Guest add - a. Mike Callton and put Sheriff & Prosecutor at b. Under unfinished business; b. will be cemetery fencing c. will be hall sign and d. lawn mowing. Omitting in new business; b. cemetery fencing. Johnson moved to approve the agenda with these changes and Zeigler supported.
5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2018 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

March 19, 2018 – Johnson moved to approved the minutes and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

March 22, 2018 – Johnson moved to approved the minutes and Oatley supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Johnson moved to approve the bills and payroll and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

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| Payroll | \$8,319.73 |
| Payables | <u>\$7,250.92</u> |
| TOTAL | \$15,570.65 |

Communications: Daller reported that there was a Final Project paper that Sower had turned in to the board. He asks Sower to talk about this. Sower stated that she joined the MTA Governance Academy in 2015. That it was a lot of work but she wanted to get the training to do her job to the best of her ability. She chose Polices for her final project, as there seems to not be any at the present time. It is something to get the board started in that direction. She has put together some polices that have been needed in the past to give the board direction. Daller congratulated Sower for completing the Governance Academy.

Mika Meyers sent an invitation to a party at the MTA conference.

There is paper work for the board to nominate someone to be on the Par Plan Board of Directors for Zone 5. The board will talk about this again next month

Reports:

Deputy: Officer Veenstra reported that there were 2 OWI's and 1 breaking and entering recently. But not a run of crime. He has taken care of the dumping of household trash in the

cemeteries. Deputy Veenstra went to Faith Community School and read Green Eggs and Ham and he reported that the children were pleased to have him there. He is still working on Drug Awareness.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that Sam Bernstein gave a presentation to the commissioners about Opioid.

Sheriff Dept. received a grant for bullet proof vests.

Animal Shelter received a \$10,000 Grant, they are getting 3 poles for cats to play on.

911 phones, servers, and software are out dated, and they are going to get a new system.

Planning Commission: They will be meeting tomorrow night.

ZBA: Zeigler reported that they permitted a variance on Benton Rd. They have another variance request for next month.

Guest: Mike Callton introduced himself to the public; he is running for State Senate.

Kyle Butler, Prosecuting Attorney from Ionia, gave a presentation about the Medical Marijuana law changes. He spoke to us about the way medical marijuana has been in the past, with dispensaries that grow only what the law will allow them for patients that need it for pain reasons. LARA – Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Governor Snyder signed a bill called Public act 281. There are seven different dept. to the act.

1. A Med MJ licensing board within LARA
2. A MJ Advisory Panel within LARA
3. A "Grower License", (Class A, B, or C grower)
4. A "Processor License"
5. A "Secure Transporter License"
6. A "Provisioning Center License and,
7. A "Safety Compliance Facility"

No one can apply for any license to the state until the following has occurred

1. The township must have an ordinance authorizing the type of facility
2. No application will be accepted by the state until Dec. 15, 2017

This was a very interesting and informative presentation.

Unfinished Business:

Assessor's Job Description and Employment Agreement: Daller has not gotten with Judy Lindberg to finalize this contract.

Otisco Cemetery Fencing: The gentleman that we agreed on to do the west fence in Otisco Cemetery is ready to get started, but there needs to be some cleanup before this can be done. Daller is trying to find someone to quote a price for the cleanup.

Hall Sign: Daller has spoken to Ensign about the electrical work and got a quote of \$300-\$400, for this job.

Lawn Mowers: There was discussion about an email that was received from the Township's Attorney about the amount of insurance that should be required of the mower that is working for us. Johnson moved that we use the attorney's increase in insurance and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

New Business:

Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act: Daller stated that Johnson had gotten information on the Opt-In and Opt-Out from MTA. There are resolutions that the board can use to do either. If nothing is done, then no one can ask for a license to start any of the operations in our township. Johnson moved that we have an Opt-Out Resolution, because it sends a message to the public that we are not allowing this in Otisco Township, and Zeigler supported. Roll call vote – Oatley, yes – Zeigler, yes – Sower, yes – Johnson, yes – Daller, no. 4-1 approved

Road Side Mowing:

There was discuss about this matter and the board decided that they are going to look for quotes for this job. The people that do Ionia County road sides is interested and Bear Excavating has done it In the past and is also interested. Daller will get packets ready for anyone wanting to put in a bid. We have ~~\$7,500~~-\$10,000 in our budget at the present time.

Public Comment:

Rich Danks wanted to know about the variance that was approved by the ZBA. He ask how much road frontage is required. He also stated that the area was designated wetlands in earlier years.

Laura Staats wanted to know if the 180 celebration was getting started soon. Johnson said she was going to have a meeting soon.

Gib Brown stated that Ashley Baptist Church was having a celebration there, the second weekend in June.

Final Board Comments:

Daller stated that he would be on vacation at the time of the next meeting. There was discussion among the board and it was decided that the meeting would be moved to May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Johnson stated that she is going to get a Newsletter out sometime in May. She would like anyone's articles by the end of April.

At 8:40 p.m. Johnson moved that we adjourn and Zeigler supported.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk