

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
At the OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL
APRIL 12, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Reeves.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
A short Prayer was given by County Commissioner, David Hodges

Members Present: Paul Reeves, Supervisor; Janet Breimayer, Treasurer; Lynda Sower, Clerk
Ben Oatley, Trustee; Dan Zeigler, Trustee

Approval of Agenda: Paul Reeves stated that we would add Cemetery Flags to the agenda under new business. Breimayer moved that the agenda be approved with the addition and Zeigler supported. 5-0 Approved

Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2016 amended minutes – unanimous approval
March 15, 2015 minutes – Oatley moved that the minutes be approved and Breimayer supported. 5-0 Approved

Approval of Bills: Breimayer moved that the bills be approved and Sower supported.
5-0 Approved

\$ 5,979.58	Payroll
\$ 5,077.63	Accts payable
<u>\$ 9,875.07</u>	Accts payable
\$20,932.28	Total Bills

Public Comment: Laura Staats wanted to know about shredding the papers that can be destroyed in the storage room. Sower reminded the board that last year Mercantile Bank had a shredding day in May. Sower will get information about this matter. Consensus of Board Robert Rickert came to the board about letters he has received from Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator. Reeves informed Mr. Rickert that there was an appeal process that he should follow. Reeves is willing to work with him on the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission: Oatley reported that the Commission is going to have a Public Hearing for nonconforming uses amendment for C3 CNC, Inc. on Whites Bridge Rd. Looking at tree work of housing development on Ranney Rd

ZBA: Zeigler reported that they did have a meeting to approve the November and January minutes. Next month they will be working on the Jacoby Rd. issue.

Zoning Administrator: The Zoning Administrator, Marc Larabel requested that the meeting minutes reflect that he is requesting a private meeting with the Township Clerk, the Township Supervisor and the Zoning Administrator.

The Supervisor acknowledged the Zoning Administrator's request and asked that the minutes reflect his request.

Larabel requested that the Township Clerk provide him with the approved RV Ordinance, showing the required dates and signatures.

Road Evaluation-Gravel:

Paul Spitzley from the Ionia County Road Commission reported that there are grants that the Federal Funds will pay 95% of the cost to fix bridges. The bridge on Button Rd. needs repairs done and he would like to put in for a grant to see if we could get this to help cut down cost for that project. The cost to the Township would be approximately \$94,100 plus engineering, the project would be done 2019. Sower moved that we allow Mr. Spitzley put in an application for this Grant, and Zeigler supported. 5-0 Approved

The board looked at the list of road evaluations for our township. Reeves stated that he did not think that the township would help with the primary roads; we have roads that we have to keep up. There was a discussion about the roads and the decision was made to fix some roads.

Reeves moved that we chip and seal Krupp Rd. between Alberts to Miriam Rd. at a cost of \$19,488.00 and was supported by Zeigler. 5-0 Approved

Zeigler moved that we have Mr. Spitzley get quotes for the Ingalls Rd. project and Sower supported. 5-0 Approved

Reeves ask the County if they could cut down an elm tree on Hawley Hwy corner that has been dead quite a while, the Road Commission responded that they would take care of that.

The Board went onto the Gravel Agreement. Breimayer moved that we accept the bid from CL Trucking at \$10.50 a yard for 5,500 yards and Sower supported. 5-0 Approved

There was discussion about the Dumon Rd. project, with Reeves stating that it was a good price, but no vote was taken.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats stated that the next cemetery meeting would be next Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Things to be discussed are; head stones that need repair and a possible expansion to Otisco Cemetery.

County Commission-David Hodges: Hodges reported that at their meeting there was discussions about the following; County website, Construction to a pavilion at Bertha Brook Park, Assistant Prosecutor now Circuit Judge, replacement of payroll clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tree Removal at Township Hall: Reeves stated that he had marked trees to be removed in the area east of the Hall. After a discussion Zeigler moved that Paul be allowed to remove the trees or have them removed by someone else and Breimayer supported. 5-0 Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance change-Non Conforming -Industrial: The Planning Commission has requested that the board make a decision about the change to this Ordinance; 1.457 Expansion Section A-1, with the addition of c. Breimayer moved that we accept the change and Zeiger supported. 5-0 Approved

Tax Allocation Paper: Sower prepared a report for the county on the township expenditures and revenues that is due on April 18, 2016. Breimayer moved that we approve the report to be sent to the county and Zeigler supported. 5-0 Approved

Lawyer: Breimayer has been looking into lawyers that we might hire for the township. The board received from Breimayer a packet of paper work on James Doezema from the law firm of Foster and Swift in Grand Rapids. Breimayer moved that we ask Doezema to come to next month's meeting and Zeigler supported. 5-0 Approved

Hall Addition: Reeves reported that he has picked a group of people to work on the committee to look into the addition of the hall; Ben Oatley, Laura Staats, Janet Breimayer, Glenn Geiger and David Hodges. Reeves will assist the committee. Breimayer stated that she thought the board should vote on the addition. Staats stated that at the last month's meeting, it was decided that a committee would be formed to see what residents think and feel about the addition. Reeves stated that the residents need to know about the addition and maybe it would have to come to vote by the residents. He also stated that the people need to know what we are thinking. It was a consensus of the board that we just let the committee do their job and see where it goes.

Flags for Cemeteries: It was the consensus of the Board that Sower take care of ordering the flags and has them delivered to the American Legion for distribution.

Public Comment: Desmond Pike wanted to know if there was a picture or drawing of the new addition to the hall, for people to look at. David Hodges stated that he had Scheid Construction draw up a plan.

At this time Reeves acknowledged that Deputy Lovato was at the meeting and maybe he would like to talk to the public. Deputy Lovato read off a list of things that have been happening in the township; traffic assist, civil matters, non-criminal actions, public relations, complaints, business contacts, citizen contacts, etc. Reeves thanked him for the update.

Bud Almy from the county road commission Thanked the township for all of the past cost share projects that we have had with them. He commented on the how knowledgeable Reeves is on the road issues. "Thank you for your support".

Bob Pike stated that he thought we were stepping out of line with the new ordinance. He stated that 98% of the people in the township will do as they should and the other 2% won't change.

Adjournment: At 9:05 P.M. Breimayer moved that we adjourn the meeting and Zeigler supported.

Submitted by:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk.