

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014**

The Regular Board Meeting for Otisco Township was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Reeves at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Supervisor said a short prayer.

Members Present: Supervisor, Paul Reeves; Treasurer, Jan Breimayer; Trustee, Ben Oatley and Trustee, Dan Zeigler

Member Absent: Clerk, Lynda Sower

Agenda: Jan Breimayer moved the Agenda be approved, supported by Dan Zeigler. All Ayes. The Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Dan Zeigler moved and Jan Breimayer supported the Minutes of April 8, 2014 be approved as submitted. All Ayes. The Minutes were approved.

Approval of Monthly Bills: Ben Oatley moved and Jan Breimayer supported that the bills for the month of May for \$28,751.99 be approved, plus a bill for the City of Belding (Fire Dept) be approved for \$4,657.52. All Ayes. The Monthly Bills were approved.

Public Comment: Mary Ann Reeves stated that a walk-thru of the cemeteries was needed.

David Hodges announced that he will be running for County Commission in the August 5th Primary.

Correspondence: A letter from the DNR for the Ranney Lake Dam. Paul received a letter from the M57-M91 Corridor. There will be a meeting for the Right Place - Ionia on May 15 .

Belding Library: Deb Jones, Director of the Alvah N Belding Memorial Library handed out information regarding the Library and its programs. Everyone in the township is encouraged to attend the library and all its programs, since the township contributes toward the library.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission did not have a meeting last month.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The Zoning Board of Appeals did not have a meeting last month.

New Land Split – Mr Thebo of Palmer Rd. asked for a split on his property of 28 acres, 31.77 acres and 9 acres. Jan Breimayer moved to approve the splits for Mr. Thebo and Dan Ziegler supported. All Ayes.

Road Committee – No Meeting

Cemetery Committee – No Meeting

Pitsch Landfill Study – No Information

County Commissioner – Lynn Mason – Absent

Unfinished Business:

Fred Meijer Trail – No New Information

Flags for Cemetery – The American Legion of Belding are to put out flags on the veteran graves for Memorial Day.

New Business

Policy & Procedure: for Public Inspection and copying of Public Record. The Township Board needs to adopt a policy and procedure on the subject.

Design for Township Flag – Laura Staats presented a copy of the proposed township flag to the township board and people in attendance. It was suggested that a sheep be put on the flag and to remove the pig that was sitting down. Laura gave the township board several cost figures to have the flags made. The township board will discuss at the meeting next month.

Betsy of Adorio/New Computers – The new computers are set up and running.

Land Use/Master Plan – Send back to Planning Commission and bring back to board next month. The board questions the use of Orleans Township fire department, instead of the Belding fire department on page 37. The need for sidewalks, as on page(s) 38, and the correction of spelling of Dumon Rd. (Duman) road.

Hot water heater – Will be installed this week.

Property Sale – Next to Hall - The property (in foreclosure) next to the hall can be purchased from the county by the township for approximately \$5,400. The estimate to tear down and haul away the house is for \$6,000 by Rick Anderson.

Dan Zeigler moved and Jan Breimayer supported that the township purchase the property. 4 Yeas 0 Nays

Public Comment:

Ken Gasper spoke on behalf of the Ionia County Road Commission. There will be a vote at the August 5th Primary to add 2 mils for the county road commission to help pay for the county paved roads that are in disrepair. Even though the Township already has the 2 mils taken from their taxes, it is suggested to approve the County 2 mils. The Township may then remove their 2 mils and go with the county 2 mils. The support from state and federal funding is no longer sufficient to run the road commissions needs.

Dan Zeigler made a motion to close the Meeting, supported by Jan Breimayer. The meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Breimayer
Acting Secretary