

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

The Regular Board Meeting of Otisco Township was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Reeves at 7:00 pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Paul Reeves stated that he needed to add to our agenda; under Committee Reports- (i) Zoning Report; under Unfinished Business – (e) Policy & Procedures; under New Business – (d) Simon Salvage License. Ben Oatley moved that with the added additions to approve the agenda and Jan Breimayer supported. Passed 5-0

**Approval of Minutes:** Jan Breimayer moved and Dan Zeigler supported that the minutes of the Jan. 13, 2015 Regular Meeting be approved. Passed 5-0  
Jan Breimayer moved and Ben Oatley supported that the minutes of the Budget Workshop on Feb. 3, 2015 be approved. 5-0 Passed

**Approval of Bills:** Lynda Sower moved and Jan Breimayer supported the approval of the monthly bills. (\$11,455.32) Passed 5-0

**Public Comment:** Shane McDonald approached the board with new information about the raising of chickens in Otisco Township. Shane has talked to Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator about this matter. Shane would like to see the mention of chickens be omitted from the ordinance. Grand Rapids is trying to deal with this same issue. Paul Reeves is going to read the Planning Commission meeting minutes. This is a Planning Commission matter.

**Correspondence:**

Paul Reeves reminded the public of a Public Hearing for the ORV Ordinance, in Ionia, at the Central Dispatch, 7:00p.m., Feb. 24. Lynda Sower reported that she had received a letter from Ionia Sentinel Standard about re-subscribing to the paper. After a discussion the board unanimously moved on to other matters. Lynda Sower received a letter from Lawrence Tiejema, PC, our auditor for the past two years. He would like to help us again this year, for a cost of \$2,800. He will also do the report for the Michigan Department of Treasury and prepare the F-65 report. Dan Zeigler moved that we hire Lawrence Tiejema for the 2014-2015 end of the year audit reporting and Jan Breimayer supported. Passed 4-1 Lynda Sower was the only no vote.

**Committee Reports:****Planning Commission:**

Ben Oatley reported that the Planning Commission had been talking to Tim Johnson, the Planner for them, about the Gathering Ordinance. Deputy Sower was also at the meeting to answer questions. Some things they would like to change, like how many people, what is a gathering, and to simplify it. Tim Johnson is supposed to make another draft for the next meeting which is next Wed.

Paul Reeves read a portion of the minutes from last month's Planning Commission meeting. The changes are about the setbacks and etc. dealing with the chicken problem.

**ZBA:**

Dan Zeigler reported that they had a meeting this month. But there was no new business.

**Zoning Reports:**

Paul Reeves reports that the board had received reports from Marc Larabel on all the things that he is working on and some of them are already done.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Fred Meijer Trail/DNR:**

Paul Reeves reported there was a meeting February 17<sup>th</sup> in Belding that he planned to attend. He would like to set up a meeting with the DNR to come to our Hall to talk with us.

**Web Site:**

Betsy from Addorio was in the hall last Sat. to show the board the web site and show us how to make changes.

**218 Agreement:**

It was a unanimous decision to sign the papers for the 218 agreement.

**Recycling:**

There was much discussion and questions about the County Recycling plans. Paul Reeves moved and Jan Breimayer supported that we change to this recycling agreement, which will save our township \$2,300 dollars a year. Passed 5-0

**Policies:**

Lynda Sower presented a Policy for FOIA . This policy states that we are going to use the guidelines from the State of Michigan. Jan Breimayer moved and Dan Zeigler supported the approval to adopt this policy. Passed 5-0

**New Business:**

**Old Computers:**

Paul Reeves stated that Betsy our ITT could take all of the old computers and take the township information off of them and donate them to Goodwill. Jan Breimayer wanted to know what the cost would be. Paul did not know, at this time, but he would check.

**Wages and Fees Resolutions:** Paul Reeves presented the wages and fees for the upcoming year April 1, 2015- March 31, 2016.

**Resolution 2015-01 – WAGES FOR SUPERVISOR**

\$14,000 per fiscal year

Jan Breimayer moved and Lynda Sower supported Passed 5-0

**Resolution 2015-02 – WAGES FOR CLERK**

\$16,000 per fiscal year

Ben Oatley moved and Jan Breimayer supported Passed 5-0

**Resolution 2015-03 – WAGES OF TREASURER**

\$16,000 per fiscal year

Lynda Sower moved and Dan Zeigler supported Passed 5-0

**Resolution 2015-04 – WAGES OF TRUSTEES**

\$3,500 per fiscal year

Jan Breimayer moved and Lynda Sower supported Passed 5-0

**Resolution 2015-05 – WAGES AND FEES**

**Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer**

\$14.00 hourly – cap of \$6,500 per fiscal year

**Assessor**

\$19,000 per fiscal year

**Zoning Administrator**

\$16,000 per fiscal year

**All other fees and wages are in this 2015-05 Resolution, and can be seen in the office of the clerk.**

Jan Breimayer moved and Dan Zeigler supported Passed 5-0

**Lawn care & Road mowing:**

We are going to place ads in the Greenville and Ionia papers for the lawn care of the hall and cemeteries and also for the sides of roads.

**Simon Salvage License:**

The Simon Salvage License is coming due in April for renewal. Dan Zeigler moved and Jan Breimayer supported the renewal of this license. Passed 5-0

**Agenda:**

Road Commission – Brine and Gradall contracts  
Computers

**Adjourn:**

Jan Breimayer moved and Dan Zeigler supported that we adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted By:



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk