

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge and a short prayer said by Supervisor Paul Reeves.

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

Agenda Approval: Jan Breimayer moved the agenda be approved and Lynda Sower supported. Agenda approved: 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Ben Oatley moved the minutes be approved and Dan Zeigler supported. Minutes approved: 5-0.

Approval of Bills: Total of Bills - \$76,787.25
Lynda Sower moved to approve the bill and Jan Breimayer supported.
Bills approved: 5-0

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Ben Oatley stated they are working on amendments to some ordinances such as handicap ramps and the noise ordinance. Also there will be a public hearing next week on the Public Gathering ordinance.

ZBA: There was a setback request on Dumon Rd they were wanting a change from 15ft to 10ft. They were granted the setback of 10ft. There was a variance request on M44. The property is zoned commercial and the residents would like to refinance but banks will not refinance residential property when it is zoned commercial. This needs to go to the Planning Commission review

Land Splits: A land split was requested for the Blunt property on Godfrey Rd. Jan Breimayer moved to approve the land split and Dan Zeigler supported. Land Split approved. 5-0

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats stated money was needed for much needed updating and repairs and ask how much money the committee had to work with. After some discussion she said they had an estimate for Smyrna cemetery of \$5125.00 to reconstruct the existing roadway and needed to know what they had to work with as far as finances. After much back and forth discussion Lynda Sower spoke up and ask what the board would think of approving an amount of \$10,000. She said it may not do everything that was needed but would be something the committee could work with. Lynda Sower moved they approve \$10,000. for the cemetery committee to get going with repairs. Dan Zeigler supported. Money for cemetery use was approved. 5-0

County Commissioner Dave Hodges: There is going to be a new Aldis in front of Menards on M66. There is 2 openings for Ionia County Sherriff Deputies. Dave said they spent 30 minutes at the meeting talking about facilities in Ionia County.

Unfinished Business:

Fred Meijer Trail: An e-mail was sent to the township regarding Fred Meijer Trail. The property owners will be granted their existing crossings. If a property owner splits his parcel in the future, the crossing remains, but we will probably not grant another crossing to the new owners, so plans will need to be made to only cross the trail at that 1 point.

Freedom of Information Act: As of July 1, 2015 the state is changing some of the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Changing the fee for copies to \$.10 per sheet.
2. Web Site must include all new rules by July 1,2015

The board amended the Freedom of Information policy to include the new rules.

Policy # 2015-01B

Jan Breimayer moved that policy be amended and Lynda Sower supported.

Policy Amended 5-0.

Sheriff: Paul Reeves questioned Ionia County Sherriff Dale Miller about paying a deputy to patrol Otisco Township. Dale Miller said they are struggling with being short of staff and it will be 4 months by the time they can accommodate our request. Dale Miller stated there is a decrease in breaking and entering in the township but heroin use is on the rise.

New Business:

Planner: Due to the departure of Tim Johnson Otisco Township is in need of a new planner. The township attorney Cliff Bloom recommended Andy Bowman to Paul Reeves.

Vandyke Variance: There was a public hearing on June 8,2015 and the ZBA unanimously agreed to grant the variance. Dan Zeigler moved the variance be approved and Jan Breimayer supported. Variance approved 5-0.

Repairs to Township Hall: The list of repairs was suggested by Paul Reeves. This includes cleaning of carpet, drywall patching and painting, repair siding, plant shrubs, fix parking lot, add more parking and a second driveway, removed trees east of the hall including stump clean up and seed the lawn. Paul Reeves will check on these items for the board. Paul Reeves offered to wash the windows on the hall.

Richmond Pump: According to Geigers the pump on the Richmond property (owned by the township) should be pulled because it's a newer pump and if left it will set up. Paul Reeves will take care of this.

Light Pole: We are still in need of a light pole and Paul Reeves said he is working on it.

Public Comment:

Dave Hodges said since Ionia County installed the ORV Ordinance he has had a decided increase of this type of traffic.

Laura Staats reminded all of us of the August 1, 2015 Smyrna Celebration and the need to close Button Rd. between Whites Bridge and Chase. Paul Reeves will take care of this.

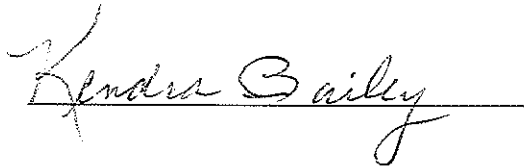
Agenda – July:

Sheriff
Repaving Ingalls Rd.

Adjourn:

Dan Zeigler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM and Jan Breimayer supported.
Meeting Adjourned !

Minutes Submitted by:
Kendra Bailey – Deputy Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kendra Bailey". The signature is written over a horizontal line.