

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP AMENDED REGULAR
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynda Sower, Clerk;

Agenda Approval: Dan Zeigler moved the agenda be approved and Jan Breimayer supported.
Agenda approved: 4-0.

Approval of Minutes: Jan Breimayer requested some corrections be made to the minutes. After reviewing the suggested corrections Jan Breimayer moved the minutes be approved with the corrections and Ben Oatley supported.
Minutes approved: 4-0.

Approval of Bills: Total of Bills – \$109,951.74 (Fire \$47,097.00 yearly contract) (Roads \$44,030.89) (Acc Pay \$12,272.97) (Payroll \$6550.88) Paul Reeves said he has a bill from Gravestone Services for \$1100.00 for cleaning and repairing gravestones. He would like this bill to be paid and included in the August bills. Dan Zeigler moved to approve the bills and Jan Breimayer supported.
Bills approved: 4-0

Public Comment:

Desmond Pike brought to the attention of the township board there seems to be a misunderstanding between Pitch Landfill and the wording on the Otisco Township Vouchers. Desmond thought he was within the regulations stated on the voucher and Pitch charged him extra over the \$25.00 voucher. Desmond said when all is said and done they were charging him by weight and not by the tire as it says on the vouchers. Paul Reeves said he would call Pitch and try to clarify the rules for voucher use.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Ben Oatley informed the board the Home Occupancy Ordinance was finished and the public hearing would be Wednesday September 16, 2015. The Public Gathering Ordinance was also finished. They are also reviewing the RV Ordinance. The Planning Commission would like to attend some training classes and Ben stated there was money in their budget for the classes.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): There will be a ZBA meeting next Monday September 14.

Zoning Administrator: Marc Larabel reported the stand alone ordinances were being reviewed and will possibly need to be readopted. Marc also expressed his desire in 2016 to have the

Planning Commission meetings closer to the dates of the Township Board meetings. He said when the Planning Commission approves a request sometimes it is almost a month before the request goes before the Township Board and actually be acted upon. He was wondering about possibly getting meeting dates changed. Marc attended Zoning Administrator training and some of the highlights that were discussed were Medical Marijuana, Wind Energy, and Fracking. The demolition permit will call for 180 days to comply to be in line with the county.

Road Commission: A bill will be coming from the county to request NO PARKING signs at Ingalls Rd to Flat River Trail. It will be the townships responsibility to pay for them. NO PARKING signs will be on one side of the road. People are parking on both sides of the road to watch rafters and canoes go under the bridge creating a dangerous hazard.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported a major change in the Cemetery Ordinance; the sexton was removed from the decision making. Questions answered and decisions made will be done in the township clerk's office. Four people can be buried in one plot only if they are all cremated and there will be only one monument for all.

County Commissioner Dave Hodges: First of all Dave applauded the cemetery improvements. The highlights of the county commission meeting were as follows : Budget Hearing---Continued funding for MI State Extension Program for 4H---Increasing much needed hours for county deputy clerk--- (special interest to Otisco Township) hiring a part time deputy to further insure safety of residents. This was approved and should go into affect Nov.1 2015. There was a state grant for education on immunization ---support services for low income people (does not cost the county) -- -first bids coming in to move the maintenance dept. from the old jail--- updating to dot net (.net)

Unfinished Business:

DNR Representative: It has been brought to the attention of the DNR there are problems regarding the parking on state land. The DNR is reviewing what kind of state land it is considered. They are hoping it will be park land and if that's the case those rules will apply. There can be signs about littering but not hours until this has been resolved. It was brought up by Dave Hodges the entire length of the trail was full of parked cars. He was told to make sure the new deputy is made aware of all the present issues. Paul Reeves said all the situations and issues need to be resolved and controlled as the residents should not have to put up with all of this. For questions call Carrie Foster @ 616.262.9532 or if Carrie is not available call 1.800 292 7800

Meeting Scheduled: Paul Reeves set a meeting date for September 22 @ 6:00 PM to discuss the results of the questionnaire Lynda Sower gave the township board members to fill out. He would like the township board to review the cemetery ordinance and also review the fees charged for permits etc.

New Business:

Repairs on Hall: Paul Reeves informed us they would be getting started on the painting on the inside of the hall in a couple weeks. He also got a replacement bulb for the big light and it was not bright enough. He now has the correct bulb and is hoping consumers will put it in for us.

Demolition Permit Wording: Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator, informed the township board it's been done.

Amendment: The township board was asked if there needed to be an amendment to the RV Ordinance. Paul Reeves ask Marc Larabe for his input on this. Marc said the Planning Commission is talking about it right now deciding whether it is a Stand Alone Ordinance.

Public Comment: Sandra Geister asked when she would be getting her \$500.00 back that was being held in escrow per clean up of her property after her fire. Marc Larabel asked Sandra if the trailer was gone and she said the trailer was not part of the fire. Marc also brought up the vehicles on the property. Sandra Geister said the vehicles didn't have anything to do with the fire either and she was in compliance with what the county demolition permit stated and wants her \$500.00 back. Marc Larabel stated they could not give her a building permit and she said she didn't want a building permit she just wants her \$500.00 back. After a very heated banter Paul Reeves suggested a short recess for the Zoning Administrator and himself to look over the verbiage in the papers to see if she was in compliance. Paul Reeves and Marc Larabel returned after a 5 minute recess and the meeting was resumed. After review of the paper work Paul Reeves moved Sandra Geister's property was in compliance and her money be returned to her and Dan Zeigler supported. Passed 4-0

Fire Account: Paul Reeves stated money needed to be moved from the contingency fund to the fire account. Paul Reeves moved that \$20,000 be transferred to the fire account and Jan Breimayer supported. Passed 4-0

Adjourn:

Paul Reeves moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM and Jan Breimayer supported.
Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Submitted by:
Kendra Bailey - Otisco Township Deputy Clerk