

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**At Otisco Township Hall**  
**MAY 9, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Reeves.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short Prayer was given by the Reeves.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Reeves stated that he had a correction to add to the agenda, the board will have to vote on the nonconforming uses amendment for C3 CNC, Inc. on Whites Bridge Rd. The publication did not get ready to be put in the paper in the time frame allowed. This will be added to the New Business c. Breimayer moved to approve the agenda with the change, and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Oatley moved that we approve the minutes for the April meeting and Breimayer supported. 5-0 approved

**Approval of Bills:** Sower moved that we pay the bills for this month and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

\$5,265.42	Payroll
<u>\$8,249.51</u>	Acct's Payable
\$13,514.93	Total

**Public Comment:** Reeves stated that this was the time for anyone to speak up, he also stated that there were people in the audience that are running on the August Ballot and they could introduce themselves to the public.

Kyle Butler from Portland is running for Ionia County Prosecuting Attorney

Matthew VanderWerff is running for 86<sup>th</sup> House Seat

Regina Trann is running for Otisco Township Clerk

Joana Johnson is running for Otisco Township Supervisor

Also present was Bruce Brown, Belding City Manager

Sower thanked Mercantile Bank for their Shredding Day at the Bank, the township had a truck load of old papers to be destroyed or shredded.

**Correspondence:** Sower had a letter from DTE that we were receiving \$409.33 in credit, after putting on a new meter at the hall.

Reeves has received a letter from the Ionia County Treasurer that there are two parcels of property on Kiddville Rd. being put up for sale. The Township has first choice to buy any land that is up for sale. The board did not think that this would be anything that we would want to purchase at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

**Township Deputy Report:** Deputy Lavato presented a report to the board for the month; 20 traffic stops, 2 follow up on complaints, 54 business checks, 36 and other complaints; April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 3 Drug house bust in Otisco Township.

**Planning Commission:** Oatley Reported that they held a Public Hearing for an exercise business on Ostrum Rd., and it was approved.

**ZBA:** Zeigler reported ZBA held their meeting Monday night; Granted a variance on Jacoby Rd. for a Barn. Next month they will be looking at the building of a barn on Gold Lake Rd.

**Land Splits:** Reeves reported that this land belongs to Herron Bros. and they are asking for a split; a portion a parcel A and parcel C to all be added to parcel B. Reeves recommended that the board give them this split to clean up their property. After a discussion Zeigler moved that we grant the split and Breimayer supported. 5-0 Approved

**Zoning Administrator: Enforcement of inoperable vehicles and junk:** Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator, would like direction from the board as to what they would like him to do about this matter. Larabel gave us a run down about the ordinance and would like to get something done in this area. Larabel has talked to other townships about how they manage this problem, and he has found that some of them section property out in the township and send a letter to the people inviting them to a meeting at the hall to address this issue. These meetings would let the people in the township know about the ordinance and make them aware that we have this ordinance in place. Reeves is going to work on this project with Larabel.

Larabel then gave an update on some things that are taking place in our township.

\*Ranney Lake was a 40 acre parcel and has been split into 9 parcels, which will have homes on them. Eight of the parcels have already sold.

\*CNC on Whites Bridge is expanding their operation

\*On Belding Rd. there is a property owner who would like to turn the barn into a wedding venue.

\*The property on Flat River Trail; a 3 acre pond is planned for that property.

**Road Committee:** Reeves at this time apologized to Sower for misplacing her road agreement papers before the last meeting.

The Board has a road agreement to take action on. Breimayer moved that we approve the quote of \$33,033 for the limestone on Montcalm Rd. and Sower supported. 5-0 Approved

Reeves presented the agreement for a culvert on Palmer Rd. Reeves moved that we approve the culvert for \$5460 on Palmer Rd. and Breimayer supported. 5-0 approved

**Cemetery Committee:** There is a meeting on May 24, 2016. Reeves went to the cemeteries to see how much brush was needed to be cut back and found that there is a lot to be done. He also stated that he checked the dumpster at Otisco Cemetery and that people are dumping house trash and such. Sower also stated that she was at Smyrna Cemetery and there is household trash in that dumpster also. We need to get them emptied.

**County Commission – David Hodges:** Hodges stated that they had a short meeting today. These are the things that were discussed in the meeting; Ionia Public School requested building code services, fill district court position, less people on WIC at this time, moving money to the Zika virus, Bertha Brook Park need park administrator – past one is retiring.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Tree removal at Twp Hall:** Reeves had nothing to report on this matter.

**Lawyer-James Doezema-Foster & Swift:** Mr Doezema introduced himself and gave the board some information about his background and experience.

**Hall Addition:** David Hodges is the chairperson for the committee. They met last week and discussed the pros and cons of the addition. They will meet again May 19, 2016. Also, there was discussion about other further needs of Otisco; parking & playground. Reeves is going to work with the committee.

**New Business:**

**Newsletter:** Sower stated that several months ago she approached the board on this subject. There was discussion about putting it in the taxes in July or maybe finding monies to add to the Clerk,s Budget for this project. Sower also stated that it is getting late and if the tax statement is the way they are going to go, it should be started, and gotten to a printer. No decision was made.

**Employee Pay Slips:** Laura Staats is going to help with this matter. Staats told Breimayer to email her form to the Clerk. If this doesn't work, she will come in the office.

**Vote on Expansion Ordinance:** Oatley moved that we approve the Amended Ordinance For the Expansion of CNC on Whites Bridge Rd. and Breimayer supported. 5-0 approved

**Public Comment:** Staats wanted to know if the Extruded Aluminum matter was settled. Reeves stated that he had heard that it was, but he had nothing in writing.

**Agenda:** Health Dept.

**Adjourn:** Zeigler moved that we adjourn at 8:30 P.M. and Breimayer supported.

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