

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
9663 BUTTON RD
BELDING MICHIGAN

AUGUST 9, 2016

The Otisco Township Regular Board Meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor, H. Paul Reeves.

A short prayer for the township board members, those serving our country and members of the community was offered by Supervisor, H. Paul Reeves.

Members Present: H. Paul Reeves, Supervisor; J. Breimayer, Treasurer; B. Oatley and D. Zeigler, Trustees

Member Absent: L. Sower, Clerk

Agenda: Ben Oatley moved the Agenda be approved as written. Jan Breimayer supported. All Ayes

Minutes: The Minutes of the Otisco Township Regular Board Meeting of July 12, 2016 were approved by Jan Breimayer, supported by Ben Oatley.

Monthly Bills: The Supervisor made a correction to the bills. The check for the City of Belding should have been written out of the Fire Fund, not the General Fund.

Payroll:	\$11,381.91
Accts Payable	\$ 8,396.36
Fire	<u>\$25,015.86</u>
TOTAL	\$44,794.13

Correspondence:

Our Recycling Company will no longer be at the Township after August 27, 2016. We will look into alternative companies.

The Supervisor attended a Watershed Management Meeting.

Sheriff Deputy Report:

Deputy Lavato will be leaving the township as of Friday August 12, 2016. Deputy Michael Veenstra will be replacing him. Deputy Veenstra then introduced himself and is looking forward to working with the Township. Deputy Lavato reported there were break-ins, traffic stops and accidents, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions to be placed on the ballot in November were as follows:

Resolution #2016-06 Renewal of Fire Protection and Emergency Rescue Millage:

B. Oatley moved to approve the Resolution for the next four years for Fire Protection at the present 1 mill. D.Ziegler supported. Roll Call; B. Oatley, yes; D. Zeigler, yes; J. Breimayer, yes; H. P. Reeves, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution #2016-07 Renewal of Road Maintenance and Improvement Millage:

J. Breimayer moved to approve the Resolution for the next four years for Road Maintenance and improvement at the present 2 mills. B. Oatley supported. Roll call; D. Zeigler, yes; J. Breimayer, yes; H. P. Reeves, yes; B. Oatley, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution #2016-08 New Millage for Ionia County Deputy Service:

B. Oatley moved to approve the Resolution for the next four years for .5 mills to pay for the service from the Ionia County Sheriff Dept. D. Zeigler supported. Roll call: J. Breimayer, yes; H. P. Reeves, yes; B. Oatley, yes; D. Zeigler, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Planning Commission:

Ben Oatley reported that the Planning Commission worked on a Preliminary Meeting for a Special Use for a home based business for portable restrooms.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Dan Ziegler reported there was a meeting last evening regarding a variance for a building in the front yard. After checking out the alternatives of moving the building, the ZBA approved the variance and the building will be allowed to stay in the front yard.

Zoning Administrator:

The Zoning Administrator reported that the Ranney Lake project has been delayed because of a cut-out for public roads. There is also an increase in ordinance enforcement.

Cemetery Committee:

Trees have been cut and removed from the Otisco Township cemetery so a new driveway can be put in. The next scheduled Cemetery Committee meeting will be August 16, 2016 at 9 a.m.

County Commissioner – David Hodges:

The County is looking for a Trash Remover and Recycler bid. Grainger came in at low bid for \$3,500/yr.

There are four new applications for the Ionia County Road Dept.
Reviewed the 75 page 2016 budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tree Removal

John Raymond has been cutting and removing trees east of the township hall. This is being done at “no charge”. The area is going to be cleaned up and grass seed put in so the area can be used for picnic tables and a gazebo.

Opening Bids for Hall Addition:

Bids were received from Scheid Construction for \$229,300

Bids were received from JW Wright Construction for \$169,888

Hall Addition Report on Finances

Supervisor Reeves gave a report on the present Township finances. We have the money available without having to charge residents more taxes or borrowing money for the project. There is money in savings and two CD's that will be available.

Laura Staats has been working with the bidders as to what is expected of them. She had a drawing for the audience to see and explained what the Building Committee has done thus far.

Many people attending the meeting voiced their opinions as to the need of a new hall. They felt holding the elections at Ashley Baptist church was fine. There were some positive comments as to why a new hall is needed. Residents that were against a new hall said they were OK with going to Ashley Baptist church on M44. The people for the new addition said it was time to move ahead and do something for all residents who have paid taxes.

Decision on Building Addition

The Township Board voted whether or not to approve an addition to the Township hall. Jan Breimayer moved to approve the new hall to be built. Ben Oatley supported. The motion passed 4 -0. The Building Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 17 to look over the bids and determine why the bids are \$59,000 different.

Architect

An architect will be chosen next.

Thacker Salvage License Renewal

Ben Oatley moved and Dan Zeigler supported to approve the Thacker Salvage License renewal for another year. All Ayes

New Business

Ben Oatley moved and Dan Zeigler supported to approve the Planning Commission to work with the Planner to revise the Driveway Ordinance for Trail Crossing. All Eyes.

Public Comment

MaryAnn Reeves said the Cemeteries are looking nice.

Public comment was that we need new playground equipment. This will be in the next phase of the building plans.

Public comment: The Board needs to re-open bids so that all contractors in the area can bid on the new addition. Because bids have already been opened, it is not likely that this will happen.

Supervisor Reeves requested information from the Board for the Newsletter in September.

B. Oatley moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 p.m. D. Zeigler supported.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Breimayer
Acting Secretary