

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Reeves
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
A short prayer was given by Supervisor, Paul Reeves

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

Agenda: Reeves stated that we needed to add Resolution; Robert Brown under new business. Zeigler moved that we approve the agenda with the addition and Breimayer supported. 4-0 approved

Minutes: Breimayer moved that we approve the minutes as presented for the September 13, 2016 meeting and Sower supported. 4-0 approved

Monthly Bills: Zeigler wanted to know about the Life EMS Ambulance bill of \$2,823.98. Reeves stated that it was a bill for a quarter of the year. Zeigler moved that we approve the bills and Breimayer supported. 4-0 approved

Payroll:	\$ 6,079.20
Accts Payable	<u>\$17,445.17</u>
TOTAL	\$23,521.37

Public Comment: Desmond Pike wanted to know if the Life EMS bill was negotiable. There was some discussion about this matter.

Correspondence: Reeves stated that there were papers on the table for people to pick up about the recycling and what they expect. Laura Staats stated that it would be better if everyone sorted their recyclables before they bring them to the hall on the 4th Saturday of every month.

Reeves had received a letter from the Dept. of Treasury about The Assessing of the AMAR that was conducted earlier. There were a list of corrective action that was completed and the next one would be in 2020.

Committee Reports/ Minutes

Township Deputy Report: Deputy Veenstra gave a report on some of the things he has done the past month; 81 traffic stops (9 tickets), citizen contacts, responded to 24 dispatch calls. Officer Veenstra feels that his connection to the community is very important; he wants to be available for anyone that needs his assistance.

Zoning Administrator: Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator reported that he gave out 3 zoning permits, the RV issue on Gold Lake Rd. has been resolved, Palmer and Hawley – they have until the 15th of October to finish all clean up.

Planning Commission: Marc reported that a proposal for the Ranney Lake project for a Private Rd.

Cemetery Committee: Reeves reported that Mulder & Associates would conduct a survey of Otisco Cemetery for \$750-\$1100. Breimayer moved that we contract Mulder & Associates to do the survey and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Laura Staats stated that they had removed things from both cemeteries. She would like to see signs at both cemeteries on the large trash containers stating that they were to only be used for the cemetery trash.

Staats said the next cemetery meeting would be Oct. 18th at 9:00 a.m.

County Commission- David Hodges: David reported that they did the 2017 budget for the county in the amount of \$9.2 Million. He talked about grants that the county also had.

Unfinished Business

Township Hall, landscaping and seeding: Reeves reported that he had two bids for the job to the east of the hall. Greenop's Lawn & Landscaping of Rockford was granted the job at the cost of \$2,280.00. Zeigler moved that Greenop be hired to do the landscaping and seeding and Breimayer supported. 3-1 approved Sower was the only no vote.

Snowplowing Bids: There will be ads put in the Greenville Daily News and Ionia Sentinel Standard for these bids.

Builders RJ Wright or Schied Construction – Revised price after Architect Changes: Reeves suggested that we wait on this matter until Oatley could be at the meeting.

Committee over Building construction: Reeves chose Laura Staats, Dick Ostrander, and the new Supervisor. Reeves moved that the above people will oversee the building project and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Contract Agreement with Planner – Greg Ransford: The Board received copies of a revised agreement with Mr. Ransford; in the agreement he will perform some extra duties and will be paid an annual amount of \$3000, whereas he was paid a retainer fee of \$200 monthly in the previous year. Reeves moved that we renew the contract with Ransford and Breimayer supported. 4-0 approved

New Business

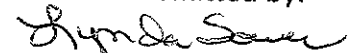
Resolution with River Valley Rails and Trails: Robert Brown presented a slide program showing the audience with pictures of parts of the Trail, and talked about improvement that still need to be made. But it has come a long ways. Sower moved that Otisco Township adopt the Resolution showing our support of the Trails and Reeves supported. 4-0 approved

Public Comment: Howard Uiterdyk asks if the city of Belding's Mayor could give us an update on South Bridge St. Mr. Gunderson stated that it was coming along; they still need a second coat put on the road and lines put on it. Uiterdyk also stated that it looked like someone had gotten Round-Up happy in the Otisco Cemetery.

The audience was told that the November meeting would be the 15th, due to voting on the 8th.

At 8:25 p.m. Zeigler moved that the meeting be adjourned and Breimayer supported.

Minutes Submitted by:



Lynda Sower

Otisco Township Clerk

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL
NOVEMBER 15, 2016 AT 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 Reeves.

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

Approval of Agenda: October 11, 2016; Oatley moved to approve the minutes for this meeting and Breimayer supported. 5-0 approved

October 18, 2016; Oatley moved to approve the minutes for the special meeting and Sower supported. There was some discussion about these minutes. 4-1 approved
Reeves was the no vote.

October 18, 2016; Breimayer moved to approve the minutes of the election commission meeting and Sower supported. 3-0 approved Zeigler and Oatley abstained, as they were not a part of that meeting.

Public Comment: Jack Wright wanted to know why the board had not accepted his bid for the new addition, and went with a higher bid of \$35,000 or more. He also stated that he has done projects much larger and heard that the board did not think he could handle this job. He stated that he relies on his referrals for his business.

Howard Uiterdyk stood and read his remarks, which are attached to the minutes.

Laura Staats stated that the Social Club is putting together a Cookbook and would like recipes from the community.

Zoning Administrators Report: Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator reported that the Planning Commission would have a meeting in December about the listed matters.

Adams Acres; a barn that would like to become a venue

Ellis Rd. developers

Ranney Lake; Private Rd. – collected a \$1,000 escrow

Marc also reported that the months of October and November were slow for permits.

Cemetery Committee: There was a meeting on October 18, 2016 with discussions about signs for the cemeteries and dumpsters, which would be paid for by the cemetery fund.

Zeigler wanted to know how the survey of Otisco Cemetery was coming. Reeves reported that they were still working on it.

Snow Plow Bids: Sower reported that she had received only one bid for the removal of snow. This was from Borek Services on Whites Bridge Rd. The bid was for \$40 per plowing and snow would be removed if three inches or more is on the ground. Roll Call 5-0 approved.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: There was some discussion about the amendment changing the easements for private roads, shared drives or service drives that crosses a public trail or railroad to no less than Thirty-three feet in width. Oatley moved to approve the amendment and Breimayer supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Breimayer stated that there was going to be an Open House for H. Paul Reeves on Thursday for his 38 years of service to the community.

Next Agenda: Cemetery Signs

Reeves introduced our new supervisor, Joe Daller to the residents.

Oatley moved to adjourn and Zeigler supported, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk

Otisco Township & addition

I wish that I could thank this board for a good job, but I can not. Especially the last several months, pertaining to the building addition, the majority of this board has shown a real lack of common sense. I feel that from the beginning the cart has been ahead of the horse.

It all began w/ Jan, the treasurer, who wanted a separate office. She & her husband started a lot of talk about adding on to the Hall. Then our County Commissioner got involved. One day while Lynda was working, Dave Scheid came in. Lynda asked if she could help him. He said he was meeting Dave Hodges, about a building addition. This was before it was ever discussed at a board meeting. Shortly thereafter, it was on the agenda, & Dave Hodges had a drawing. Then somehow the board got 3 bids, 1 being withdrawn. Up to this point there wasn't even an architect's drawing. I don't know who gave the architect the ideas of what was needed. I don't feel that enough research was done. I don't believe any board members were asked what they needed or would like. Who will occupy the 2 new offices?? What will the new 14' long, granite topped, \$ 5,163 counter be used for?? This room is 624 sq. ft. The new addition will have 1070 sq. ft., split in two by a 3 1/2' walkway down the middle, per the Belding Fire Chief. So the addition will have 446 more sq. ft. than this room. Paul has said that your table there, is going into the new addition which will take up 40 sq. ft.. I am sure there will be many chairs & tables in the new addition, where will they be stored?? How much room will that take?? At the August meeting, when asked if it could be put on the November ballot, Paul said it was too late, but that was not so. At the same meeting 3 other resolutions were voted on, to be placed on the November ballot. The township residents still have not had a voice in the building addition.

There never was an add placed in the newspaper asking for bids, which was totally wrong. Other local builders would have liked to bid on it.

Paul has made it clear that he wants us to vote hear again, even though all election workers & the majority of voters are very happy w/ the voting at the church w/ all of the room & parking. Right now there are 37 states that have early voting, so no lines & no crowds. Also 3 states that vote entirely by mail. Also Michigan has promised new voting equipment in 2017. So will the new addition be large enough to vote hear again??

Sure the Township has the money, only because Paul & the board have been hoarding it for years. Now all of a sudden, He & a few others are desperate spend it. That is probably why they are going w/ the high bid of \$ 233,800 which is \$ 41,274 more than the other bid. And of course on top of that, probably 30 some thousand for a parking lot.

Also as I have said before, & Dick Reeves made it real clear two months ago, why would the township want to compete w/ other local businesses??

Haste makes Waste