

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL
January 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller.

Supervisor Daller requested that Clerk, Sower take a roll call of Members.

Members Present: Trustee, Ben Oatley; Trustee, Dan Zeiger; Treasurer, Cara Johnson
Supervisor, Joseph Daller; Clerk, Lynda Sower.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Oatley had an addition of the 2017 MTA Conference-Expo to the agenda. Zeigler moved that the addition be made and Oatley supported. 5-0 approved

There were no public comments at this time.

Approval of Dec. 13, 2016 Minutes: Johnson moved that the minutes be approved and Daller supported, with a few corrections. Those being: to the Zoning Board of Appeals; reappointments are Frank Mason, Shane McDonald, and alternate, Fred Alberts; appointment of Joana Johnson.

The Budget Meeting in March is the 7th, not the 5th. 5-0 approved with corrections

Approval of Payroll and Bills: There was discussion about some of the bills. Daller moved that the bills be paid as presented and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll:	\$ 5,932.38
Acct's payable	<u>\$13,336.82</u>
TOTAL	\$19,269.20

Communications: Daller informed the board there were several different letters in their packet to look over. Laura Staats has worked with Beth from Recycling of Ionia and we have a list to hand out to people when they come for a Landfill Voucher. We are trying to promote the recycling.

Reports:

- a. ICRC: Paul Spitzley, County Highway Engineer, was in attendance at the meeting. A couple of weeks ago we received a report on paved roads and bridges in the township. This report will show what roads will be worked on by the County. Fisk Road and Whites Bridge Road has been budgeted for the county. The middle section of the report lists the roads that are beyond preventive maintenance, which are Krupp/Andres/ Jacoby and Ingalls. The bridges are in the report; Long Lake Rd. over Dickerson Creek, , Dumon Rd. over Seeley Creek, Button Rd. over Flat River. The weight limit for Long Lake Rd. over the bridge will be 33 tons. Daller suggested that we start budgeting for some of these road projects.

Spitzley informed everyone that the speed limit has to have a study by the Michigan State Police and a County Engineer, with the State Police making the decision about the speed. The Whites Bridge Rd. is now at 25 mph. and is going to be raised to 45 mph. Button Rd. is at 25 mph. and will be raised to 35 mph. A study has already been done. The public will see the new signs in the near future.

- b. Township Deputy: Officer Veenstra reported that in December there were slide offs, accidents, property checks and civil matters. He also had training. He gave a legal update that there were breaking and entering's in Orleans Township.
- c. Cemetery Committee: There is a meeting January 11, 2016 at 4:00.
- d. County Commissioner: David Hodges, County Commissioner, reported on their meeting. Jack Shattuck was made Chair of the board and Jim Banks Vice chair. Decisions were made on who would be on different committees. Commissioner Hodges is on the audit committee, Mid-West Trail, and several others. Discussions about Testing for DUI's, health care for pregnant girls and newborns, and need for caseworker for drug court.
- e. Planning Commission: C. Johnson reported that they had a Public Hearing last week about a house behind a garage on Ellis Rd. Officers were chosen for the committee: Jim Tarkowski, Chair; Frank Mason, Vice Chair; Cara Johnson, Secretary. There was talk about a joint meeting and the suggested dates are March 8th or 22nd (Wed).
- f. ZBA: Zeigler reported that there was a meeting and they approved the minutes of the December meeting.
- g. Zoning Administrator: Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator, reported that in December there was 1 complaint and no permits. Marc gave the board an end of the year report. He stated that the Ordinance Book could use updating. He also informed the board that he was going to retire as of the end of February.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Joint Meeting: Zeigler moved that we meet on March 8, 2017 at 7:00p.m. and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved
- b. Newsletter: Johnson stated that we should start sending out a newsletter to all the residents of the township. Johnson will be in charge of this undertaking. Johnson moved that we have a 2017 newsletter twice through the year and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

- c. Township Addition: The committee of Joe Daller, Laura Staats, and Richard Ostrander met to discuss some issues about roofing, bonding, and payment, with the contractor, Dave Scheid. Daller wanted to know what were the board's wishes about how much authority the committee had. There was discussion among the board and the public. Daller moved that Sower provide a floor plan layout of voting set up in the addition at next month's meeting to prove or disprove if the room will be adequate and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved.

New Business:

- a. Appointment – BOR Alternate: Daller moved that Regina Trann will fill the position as alternate for the BOR committee and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved
- b. Bank and investment accounts-FDIC/ NCUA: Johnson reported that all of the township funds were in Mercantile Bank and the limit to be insured is \$250,000.00. She is having a meeting with bank officials to see how to fix this.
- c. Door Hangers: Judy Lindberg requested to have door hangers to leave on people's doors when they are not home when she has cause to go to their property. Daller had a couple of options for the hangers. Johnson moved that we purchase the hangers from Amber Rood, Stafford Daily New for \$238 for 250 of them, and Oatley supported. 5-0 approved
- d. Land Division application: A Land combination was presented to the board for Gary & Wendy Slosser on Dumon Rd. The Assessor and Zoning Administrator have given their approval of the combination. Zeigler moved that the board also approve this combination and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved
- e. Zoning Administrator: After some discussion about finding a new Zoning Administrator, Johnson moved that we place ads in papers and MTA website, Daller and Sower will prescreen the resumes. Daller supported the motion. 5-0 approved
- f. 2017 MTA Conference: Daller approved the authorization of attendance for the Board and Committee Members to attend the Conference in April and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Howard Uiterdyk stated that he would hope that the board would consider doing the Ingalls Rd. Project. Uiterdyk stated that a resident of the township had given him some figures on a 120x50 pole building.

Andy Lehman stated that he thinks we should consider holding back some of the money from the contractor until we find out that everything is good with the addition.

At 9:27 p.m. Zeigler moved that we adjourn and Johnson supported.

Minutes Submitted by:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk