

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.  
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL

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

Roll Call: Joseph Daller, Supervisor; Cara Johnson, Treasurer; Lynda Sower, Clerk  
Ben Oatley, Trustee; Dan Zeigler, Trustee

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

David Hodges said a short prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Johnson stated that she would like under unfinished business to omit c.  
Oatley moved to approve the agenda with the omission and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Maryann Reeves stated that Rick Andersen did an excellent job on the road  
in Otisco Cemetery. She is very pleased.

Approval of Minutes: Daller had some correction on the November 7, 2017 meeting minutes.  
Daller moved that we approve the minutes with the corrections and Johnson supported.  
5-0 approved.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Johnson stated that Ensign Electric had come to the Township Hall  
and did the work that was approved several months ago. Johnson moved that we approve the  
paying of the accounts, and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Communications: Daller reported that we had received the Par Plan News. We also have  
schedules from the committees for the next year meetings.

Guest: Matt Holland, Gabridge, CO. - Mr. Holland gave the board an overview of the Audit that  
he conducted in August. He reported that for a small township we have funds that we could  
rely on for three years, without any revenue. Daller thanked him for the job that he had done  
for us.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Veenstra reported that there were no criminal actions reported in  
the month of November, and only one misdemeanor. Deputy Veenstra has received his

certification in Road Identifying. A Belding Officer is going to be on the Drug Recognition Expert Force, which is very helpful for the surrounding areas. Veenstra stated that he had been part of the "Shop with a Cop" in Ionia.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats thanked Joe Daller for getting the mailboxes up at the cemeteries. She also stated that she was pleased with the road at Otisco Cemetery. Laura had estimates for the Columbarium Cost in a three or four year Plan at Smyrna Cemetery, and some pictures that would give the board an idea of how it would look at completion. There will be trees removed at the location and some leveling. There is an old well on the property that should be removed, and then filled with cement.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had approved the budget for the year. The Health Dept. is increasing their fees ten per cent across the board. The Commission on Aging needs some sub drivers for meals and such, part-time aids to help with home care, and a caseworker. The outer shell of the Court House is done. The Ionia County Road Commission wants to ask the people for a 1 mil tax raise; this money would go to the worse roads in the county first.

Planning Commission: Johnson reported that they had approved Tami's Tax Service for a Home Business License.

ZBA: Zeigler reported that they had a mandatory meeting on Monday night. The July meeting minutes were approved. The Officers on the committee will remain the same as last year. In January they will have a variance to look at for the Ashley Baptist Church Sign.

Zoning Administrator: Roger VanderMolen had given all board members a report of his actions for the month of November.

Unfinished Business:

Assessor's Job Description: Daller reported that he had written up a description with information that he looked for and some that Johnson had given him. Johnson would like to know how we know how many hours that we are paying for; she feels there should some way to measure this.

Cemetery Ordinance Amendments: Daller ask Sower what she wanted amended in the exiting Ordinance. Sower is going to work on rewriting some of the sections for the next meeting

New Business:

Contract – Fresh Coast Planning: Johnson moved that we reinstate Fresh Coast Planning for another year and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Joint Meeting- Board, Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals : Daller will get with the other committees and see if they can come up with some dates in March 2018.

Proposed Township Board Meeting Schedule For 2018: Second Tuesday of each month

Proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget Meeting Schedule:

January 23, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

February 13, 2018 @ 7:00 Regular meeting – Public Hearing on Wages and Fees

February 20, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

March 6, 2018 @4:00 p.m.

March 13, 2018 Regular meeting- Public Hearing for Fiscal Budget

Resolution- Faith Christian Schools Raffle Ticket: The Faith Christian School had contacted Otisco Township about getting this license to go along with their Annual Auction on March 17, 2018. Johnson moved that we approve the licensing for Faith Community Christian School and Daller supported. 5-0 approved.

Resolution-New Election Equipment: Sower present a Resolution for the Grant Agreement with State for New Election Equipment. Johnson moved that we sign the agreement and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Laura Staats wanted to know if the Resolution for the Columbian could be revisited next month. She also wants to know how the 180 Celebration was coming. Johnson said there was information in the Newsletter and she is the Chairperson. Howard Uiterdyk wanted to know about the shredder. Daller stated that it had been taken care of. Uiterdyk then ask if agendas could be made out earlier for the regular meetings. Uiterdyk wondered what had happened to the last personal property issue that was report in April. Johnson wanted to know who gets the salt for the winter months. Daller stated he would take care of it.

Adjournment: At 9:00 p.m. Johnson moved to adjourn and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk

