

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR & PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller
Roll Call – Joseph Daller, Supervisor; Cara Johnson, Treasurer; Lynda Sower, Clerk
Dan Zeigler, Trustee; Ben Oatley, Trustee

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
David Hodges, County Commissioner had a short prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

Johnson moved that the agenda be approved and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved
February 13, 2018 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Sower supported. 5-0 approved
March 5, 2018 – Daller moved to approve the minutes and Johnson supported. 5-0- approved
March 6, 2018 – Daller moved to approve the minutes and Oatley supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables and Payroll:

Johnson moved to approve the Payables and Payroll and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll:	\$ 6,617.04
Payables:	\$12,335.73
Roads:	<u>\$ 192.90</u>
TOTALS	\$19,145.67

Communications: Daller reported that we had a couple of things in the packet for the meeting; a Par Plan News and a Notice of Collection of Hazardous Waste. Sower will put up fliers in the hall and in the display case.

Reports:

Township Deputy:

Deputy Veenstra reported that March 13 was the first day of a 3 day drug, alcohol and safety issues awareness program at Faith Community School. He will be going into several schools in the area, for Reading Month to read to the students. He is going to an Act of Violence Conference on school safety. There were some accident and false alarms this past month. There were two canine tracks done in the area which were successful, making arrests. Veenstra also had a complaint about people on the wrong side of the road to pick up their mail.

County Commissioner: David Hodges, County Commissioner, reported that the new Courthouse in Ionia will be opening soon and he will let us know, so some of the board can attend this event. Health Dept. had accreditation test and did very well. They have entered into an agreement grant for \$10,000 for the Health Dept. Ionia Dispatch is going to put a tower in Hubberston to get better reception, at a cost of \$26,000. Bertha Brock Park is changing their rates and some rules this year. The Sheriff Dept. is getting 2 new Ford Explorers. There have been union negotiations.

Planning Commission:
 Johnson reported that they had a Public Hearing for a new home being built on Ostrum Rd. They are going to review the Solar Ordinance.

ZBA:
 Laura Staats reported that they had issued a variance for a shed and pool.

Zoning Administrator: There was a report to board members in their packets for the meeting.

Daller suspended the regular meeting and went into the Public Hearing.

Daller read the figures for the new 2018-2019 budget for all departments.

Estimated Revenue \$923,436.47

Appropriations Funds			
Dept. 102	\$22,540.00	Dept. 171	\$24,100.00
Dept. 191	\$11,630.00	Dept. 192	\$ 3,600.00
Dept. 209	\$26,550.00	Dept. 210	\$11,400.00
Dept. 215	\$26,020.00	Dept. 247	\$ 4,050.00
Dept. 248	\$42,000.00	Dept. 253	\$29,320.00
Dept. 265	\$25,700.00	Dept. 400	\$ 9,570.00
Dept. 440	\$20,300.00	Dept. 411	\$ 7,210.00
Dept. 445	\$ 1,800.00	Dept. 448	\$ 2,800.00
Dept. 449	\$ 7,500.00	Dept. 651	\$12,000.00
Dept. 858	\$ 9,000.00	Dept. 890	\$304,813.26
Dept. 900	\$ 2,000.00	Dept. 207	\$38,802.40
Dept. 207	(769.60)	Dept. 209	\$ 5,000.00
Dept. 230	\$149,248.99	Dept. 449	\$310,040.00
Dept. 500	\$110,000.00		
Estimated Revenues all Funds		\$1,226,487.86	
Appropriations all Funds		\$1,074,315.26	
Net of Revenues/Appropriations			
	All Funds	\$ 152,172.60	

Public Comments: Laura Staats wanted to know if \$5,000 was what the Cemetery Committee has to spend this year.

Mike Hoffman ask about the Dept. 209, Assessor, does she just sit In the office and figure out what people owe for taxes, why does she need \$500 for Mileage.

Daller explained that she is required to go to at least 20% of parcels for the year to check on if it is still the same or has changed.

John Feuerstein asks if the Road Commission was solvent.

Mike Hoffman stated that he must live on the wrong side of the Township, because it looks like all the money for roads is being spent on the West side of the Township. Complained about Hawley Highway and it needs work.

Closing of the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. -- Back to Regular Meeting

Unfinished Business:

Daller read Sections 5, 6, & 7 of Resolution 2018-06.

Daller moved that we adopt Resolution 2018-06 and Sower supported.

Roll Call Vote: Oatley, yes – Zeigler, yes – Sower, yes – Johnson, yes -- Daller, yes
5-0 approved

New Business:

2018 Lawn Bids: Sower opened and read the bids from Borek Services and North Woods Lawn. Daller suggested that we have a Special Meeting to discuss this matter. It will be Monday, March 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., with the bidders coming in at 5:00 p.m. to answer any questions that the board may have about the bids.

Simon Salvage Yard Annual License Renewal:

Johnson moved that the license be renewed for Simon Salvage Yard and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment:

A Samantha Ford from Mercantile Bank stated that March was Reading month and they are collecting books at the bank to be given to Reach Education Bus, these will be given to low income families.

She also stated that they would have their Free Shred Day on May 5, 2018.

Desmond Pike did some research on the Medical Marihuana Licensing Act , and he believes that they might be able to get 3% of the votes in Michigan to pass it., But he doesn't like it. Daller stated that it would be on next month's agenda.

Laura Staats informed the residents about Saturday, March 17, 2018 St. Patricks Celebration in Smyrna, with a lunch time meal and supper. There will be music in the evening.

Dallier stated that Road Side Mowing will be on next month's agenda.

Howard Uiterdyk Thanked the Board for the decision to do much needed work on Ingalls Rd. this year.

Desmond Pike stated that it looked like the board has lots of money and maybe they could lower his taxes.

John Feuerstein stated that he thought they should pay the board more and not lower Desmond taxes.

Joe Borek stated that the dumpsters at the cemeteries are still being used for personal trash. Deputy Veenstra will keep an eye on this matter.

March 22, 2018 will be a joint meeting of all the boards and committees in the township.

Zeigler stated that someone had complained to him about the new road in the Otisco Township Cemetery, it is washing out on the south side. Daller stated that he would talk to Rick Andersen about this.

At 8:10 p.m. Johnson moved that we adjourn and Zeigler supported.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower
Otisco Township Clerk