

OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD – SPECIAL MEETING
LAWN CARE BIDS FOR 2018
MARCH 19, 2018 @ 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Oatley moved to approve the agenda and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Howard Uiterdyk asks Daller, what happened to all the other people that wanted to bid on the mowing of the township lawns? There are only two bids! Daller stated that one person had some financial problems and could not invest the money to get equipment. Daller stated that the other person was Delbert Linebaugh and he was confused and thought it was for the road side mowing.

New Business:

2018 Lawns Maintenance Service: Daller opened with the contract papers and stated that he did not want the board to use the Insurance part to make their decision about whom we wanted to get the lawn job. Daller then ask the board for input:

Oatley – stated that they both would do a good job.

Zeigler – stated that he thought that the two guys that have put in bids have worked for the township before, would both do a good job. Zeigler also stated that he thought the board was making a big deal out of nothing and he does not like all the extra meetings that have been happening lately.

Sower --- stated that she thinks about all the things in the past, like the removing of the fence at Smyrna Cemetery that was not directed from the board to do such. Oatley stated that he would not have done it if he did not get approval from Paul. Sower answered; when I came to work one morning Paul ask me what all that was in the back of the hall. We went out and looked at it and there was only fencing. Paul again asked Sower where she thought it might have come from. Sower stated she had no idea. Sower also stated that David must have not liked weed whipping because he put round up around the graves and killed a lot on grass. Hodges was then told that he could never spray that way again. Sower stated that the last year Hodges mowed the grass it was again killed around the graves. When he was approached about it he said he did not use round up, but something he mixed up, when ask why it was spread out so far from the stones, Hodges stated that it rained after he sprayed and ran out farther then he had sprayed. Sower then stated that she thought the way he quit working on the Planning Commission after he did not get to bid on the mowing, showed something about the person and his character. She then said that she didn't think many of the board had been around when Hodges was mowing, but you would think he was running in the Daytona 500 race.

Johnson -- stated that she was glad that Uiterdyk had asked the question about the other bids that were supposed to be coming in. She spoke to Oatley and asked him not to be using his phone during the meeting, like he did last year. Getting texts from Hodges during the board meeting. Oatley stated that he did not respond to his texts. Well, Johnson stated it was happening and I don't think it should happen again, it is unprofessional and wrong from a County Commissioner.

Daller -- stated that he thought both of the candidates for the mowing would do a very good job. He also said he didn't care which one got the position.

5:00 - Joe Borek and David Hodges came into the meeting.

Daller told them that the Board had been having a discussion about the bids and that he told the board not to make their choice from the insurance section. He stated that he thought that he would like to talk to the lawyer about this matter and make sure that the Township would be protected. Daller then ask the two if they had any question. Hodges stated that the Insurance that he had listed was high. It would cost him \$1,000 more for his insurance. There was some talk about the hourly wage section of the contract.

Daller then went to the board for comments:

Oatley -- umh I don't want to now.

Zeigler -- Both would do a good job.

Sower -- umh I don't want to now. I've already said some things, but I agree with Zeigler.

Johnson -- I think you are both capable of doing the job.

Daller -- I don't care either and I think you would both do a fine job.

Oatley again—I don't have anything to say. I want to make a motion that we hire David Hodges for the Lawn Care for 2018-2020. Zeigler supported. Roll Call Vote: Daller -- yes; Johnson- no; Sower -- no; Zeigler -- yes; Oatley- yes. 3-2 approved

Daller then explained to Hodges that he would be getting ahold of him after he speaks with the attorney. And get the contract ready.

Zeigler moved that we adjourn at 5:17 p.m. and Johnson support.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower -- Otisco Township Clerk