

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Invocation was given by David Hodges, County Commissioner.

Approval of Agenda: Johnson stated that we needed to add something to the agenda; Cleaning of Hall under New Business. Oatley moved to approve the agenda and Zeigler supported.
5-0 approved

Public Comments: Jeff Hunter stated that he did not agree with the spending of money for new playground equipment. He believes that the money could be spent wiser, such as purchasing a ATV to donate to the Belding Fire Dept. or fixing roads.

Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2018 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Daller supported. 5-0 approved
May 29, 2018 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll: Johnson moved to approve the bills for the month and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 7,458.00
Acct's Pay.	\$ 9,337.16
Sheriff	<u>\$ 6,531.20</u> (April & May)
Total	\$15,868.36

Communications: Daller reported that he had letters from the following;
AT&T – METRO ACT RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT EXTENSION
Local Community Stabilization Authority
Larry Merrill – MTA Executive Director
Michigan Par Plan – rebate back for year

Reports:
Township Deputy: Officer Veenstra reported that we had a couple of accidents and a larceny the past month. He also stated that he went to schools at the close of the school year and talked to the children about bike safety and passed out LED lights for their bikes.

Cemetery: Laura Staats stated that the sextant will be placing some cement ribbons for I.D. purposes on some graves with no markers from 1960. She stated that there is some concern about the traffic in the Smyrna cemetery late at night. The committee wanted to know about locking the gates. It was decided by the board that they would have our deputy keep an eye on this matter for now. The next meeting will be 9:00 a.m. August 18, 2018.

Daller remarked that he had looked into the new drive at Otisco and there will be a pipe placed under the drive to drain the water.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they discussed ;
L4029 Tax Request for Library and Senior Citizens Center.

AMBS - Ionia Health Dept. after hours call center

County Clerk has new job opening – File Clerk

Renewed 5 year warranty on dispatch equipment

Planning Commission: Johnson reported that the committee had moved the tables around the grounds for people to use. The committee is making plans for horseshoes to be added outdoors. They are also working on a Solar Ordinance. They would also like to have Roger Vander Molen make 15 new copies of the Ordinances. Johnson moved that we request the books be made and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

There was discussion about securing the tables that we have purchased, Frank Mason said he knows how to do it so the mowers can move them to weed whip in those spots. Daller moved to secure the tables and Johnson supported. 4 -1 approved Oatley was the only no vote.

Johnson reported that Todd Martin is going to donate disc baskets for disc golf and would like a plaque with his name on them. Joe Boreck is going to donate trash barrels for the recreation site.

There was also discussion about all the brush in the back of the backstop at the baseball field. Daller moved that we have that cleaned up and Oatley supported. 5-0 approved This job will be done by North Woods Lawn Service.

ZBA: Zeigler reported that they had granted a Variance on Whites Bridge Rd. for the enlarging of a pole building.

Zoning Administrator: There is a report in the board packets.

Unfinished Business:

Assessor Job: Daller stated that the only information that he needs is the correct amount that is paid to the assessor. Sower will get that information to Daller and the contract can be finished and signed.

Otisco Cemetery Fencing: Daller stated that the trees have been cleaned out of the west line, but there is still work to be done before the new fence can be put in. Daller is going to look into this matter.

Township Sign: Daller stated that we could get the new sign at a lower cost now. Daller moved that we purchase the sign From Steward Signs for \$6,835 and Johnson supported. 5- 0 approved.

New Business:

Budget Amendment: Dept 449 Roads. Daller moved that we change the amount from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The money is coming from the contingency fund. Johnson supported the motion. 5-0 approved.

Existing Playground Equip.: Daller stated that Wayne Geiger had heard that we are going to get the old equipment taken out and stated that his father had donated it to Otisco Township and he would like to have it. Geiger will get it removed. Daller moved that we allow this to be done and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Parks & Rec. Ordinance: Johnson handed out material for the board to read. There was no action. This will be moved to next month.

Pavilion Bids: Johnson reported that she received two bids;
McCracken Concrete Construction LLC --- \$51,405.59
Hubbert's Home Improvements Approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000
No action was taken on this matter – will be on agenda later.

Purposed New Playground Equip.: The board was given paper work on the new equipment that is being looked at for the project at the hall. The cost if \$28,000, for everything. Daller moved that we purchase the equipment and mulch for the \$28,000 and Johnson supported. Roll Call Vote: Cara – Yes Lynda-Yes Dan-Yes Ben-Yes Joe-Yes approved 5-0

Hall Cleaning: There was a discussion about liability and bonding for cleaning person. We could hire a cleaning service to do the work. We could add it to the Deputy Clerk's job. No decision was made. The board would like the Insurance agency to come to next month's meeting. Sower will make these arrangements.

Extended Public Comment: Paul Reeves ask about some figures for the project and if they were in the budget for this year.

Frank Mason: Wondered if anything had done about asking for donations from businesses for some of the cost.

Jeff Hunter: Wondered why the board could not make decisions.

Ben Oatley: Wanted to know about an addition to the hall

Laura Staats: Agreed with Oatley and would like to make the hall usable

David Hodges: Does not believe that the stone damage in the cemeteries are from vandalism, but were from being fixed in the past and not holding. He also stated that he will not to use his mowers to cut the 5 ft. of grown up grass in the back of the hall.

Laura Staats: Stated that she would get Daller and Sower the information to get ahold of the company that did the repairs before. Life time warranty.

Megan Nelson: Introduced herself to the board, she is from the Daily News.

Final Board Comments: Johnson stated that the lock changing would take place in the next week or so.

At 9:00 Johnson moved that we adjourn and Zeigler supported.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower
Otisco Township Clerk