

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETIN
AUGUST 14, 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.

Approval of Agenda: Daller stated that we were adding Greg Terry as guest to the agenda and also adding under new business g. Sextant. Zeigler moved that we approve the agenda with the additions and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of minutes: Johnson moved that we approve the July 10, 2018 minutes and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Johnson moved that we approve the July 31, 2018 and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Johnson moved that we approve the bills as presented and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll:	\$10,347.75
Election:	\$ 2,523.00
Fire	\$14,023.98
Accts. Pay.	\$12,615.60
Sheriff	<u>\$ 6,595.31</u> (2 months)
TOTAL	\$46,207.97

Communications: Received a letter from Fred Meijer River Valley Rails- Trails and Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources Master Plan meetings that anyone can attend.

Daller had a report from the Road Commission with the projects 20 years out.

Daller had a letter from the Health Department about the PFAS found in Ionia County.

Sower had received an Annual Financial Report for the Ionia County Road Commission.

Guest: Greg Terry introduced himself to the public and stated that he was interested in the Sextant job that was opening in the Township as of Sept. 1, 2018. Ralph VanOcker has resigned as our Sextant as of August 31, 2018. Greg stated that he does several church cemeteries in the area. He comes highly recommended by several people that the board has had contact with.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Officer Veenstra stated that it was a quiet month. He had some assist with the Belding Police Dept., traffic accidents, 56 traffic stops, 17 patrol complaints, citizen contact,

20 criminal charges for 2 people. He will be doing more work in the Faith Community School on drug advisory program.

Cemetery: Laura Staats reported that Joe Borek is done removing trees in the Smyrna Cemetery, and Rick Anderson will be coming in to bull doze stumps to the back. Fall Clean-up will be in October, only broken articles will be removed.

Planning Commission: Johnson reported that they were working on the Solar Ordinance and Park & Rec. Ordinance.

ZBA: Zeigler reported that there was no meeting.

Zoning Admin. report: All Members of the Board had a report in there folders for the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Hall Cleaning: There was some discussion among the board about what was the best way to handle this matter. Johnson moved that we add the Hall Cleaning to the Deputy Clerks job description for now and that it can be taken off when a new Deputy Clerk is in place. This was supported by Sower. The pay of \$20 an hour will still be paid for the cleaning job.

5—0 approved

Otisco Township Cemetery Fencing: Daller reported that he had more work to do at the cemetery before this could be completed.

New Playground Equip.: Johnson reported that the installation of the equipment would be Aug. 27 & 28, 2018.

Hall Sign: Daller reported that the sign was delivered last week to his place of employment, with some damage, it is all assembled and just needs to be put in place in front of the Hall. Daller will work with the sign company to get the damages fixed. We received two bids for this work. Scheid - \$5020 including Electrical work

Hubbert - \$1350 with Ensign doing the electrical at \$550 which totals \$1910.

Johnson moved that we hire Hubbert & Ensign for the job and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Parks and Rec Ordinance: Tabled for later date

New Business:

Disposal of Equipment Policy: The Board made a decision to not put into place a policy.

Newsletter: Tabled until next month

Property Transfer Affidavit & Poverty Exemption Guidelines: Johnson will talk to Judy Liinberg about this matter and report back to the board next month.

Ordinance Revision 1.324/1.334/1.344 Permitted Accessory Uses: Daller moved that we approve the change and send this back to the Planning Commission and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

West Ellis Salvage: Johnson moved that we approve Thacker's 1 year license and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Sextant: Johnson moved that we hire Greg Terry as of Sept. 1, 2018 for the sextant job and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Hall Expansion: There was discussion among the board about fixing up the exiting building, such as roof, siding, and foundation. To keep up this structure. The addition to the building may come later.

Public Comment: Jeff Hunter stated that we should forget about the addition, as we have a perfectly good place to vote. The people should realize that in some other places a lot of people are voting in churches. He also stated that board members should not be on social media and threaten people.

Samantha Ford from Mercantile Bank brought some information about the Labor Day activities. She also had information about a \$25,000 grant that she gave to Daller.

Joe Borek: Wanted to know if Greg Terry has a Home Occupational Permit. He lives in the City of Belding, do you need one in Belding.

Joana Johnson stated that she is glad to see us getting a new playground for the children in the area. "Kudos to the Board." She would like to see the addition talked about some more. She also suggested that maybe we could have some sidewalks in Smyrna, so people did not have to walk in the roads.

Board Comments: Johnson stated that she has been working very hard on the personal property taxes and does not have time to do the Newsletter. She also stated that someone has been in the office and tried to get into her computer and she was locked out and had to call Addorio to have it fixed. Daller ask Sower to see about the locks and she said she would.

Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and Zeigler supported.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower
Otisco Township Clerk