

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 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;
Dan Zeigler, Trustee; Ben Oatley, Trustee; Lynda Sower, Clerk

Prayer : David Hodges, County Commissioner, gave a short prayer.

Approval Agenda: Johnson moved that the agenda be approved as presented and Ben Oatley supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Laura Staats reported that there is a change in the percentage of price change in the columbarium from 20 % to 25% for 2019.

Joe Boreck wanted to know why everyone does not have to have a Home Base Business permit. He has complained to Roger VanderMolen about this and he does nothing about it.

Jeff Hunter wanted speak, but it was about something different than agenda topics. He will have his time later in the meeting.

Approval Minutes: 11/13/18 – Johnson moved to approve with the change of 25% and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

11/27/18 – Johnson moved to approve these minutes and Oatley supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables: Johnson moved to approve the bills and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 9,454.04
Acct's Payable	\$ 7,256.42
Roads	\$56,244.25
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,297.66</u>
TOTAL	\$76,252.73

Communications: Daller had a letter from the Railroad Commission; email from Betsy Gehret thanking us for the newsletter and their appreciation; email from MTA about the Marihuana-Marijuana ; letter from Ionia County Road Commission with a list of condition of roads and fixing of roads. Sower received a folder from Darwyn Hassert, with information about the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 and the Time Capsule to be opened in 2076.

Reports:

County Commissioner: David Hodges, Ionia County Commissioner, reported on the commissioners meeting. An agreement with the Health dept.; MSH Intergovernmental 3 yr. contract; Prosecuting Attorney, Kyle Butler will represent Municipalities when needed in court for local citations; Sheriff dept. needs one full and one part time correction officer; renewed an audit contract for one yr.

Planning Commission: Johnson reported that they are working on the Solar Ordinance and will have a Public Hearing in February. They also renewed the Tami Tax Service License on M-44.

ZBA: Zeigler reported that they had a meeting and approved the last meeting minutes. The officers for this committee will stay as they are.

Chairperson – Frank Mason

Vice-Chair - Dan Zeigler

Secretary - Laura Staats

Zoning Administrator – All Board members received a report in their meeting packets.

Unfinished Business:

Audit: Johnson reported that the 2017-2018 Audit would be January 17 & 18. 2019

Hall Expansion/Exiting Building: Dallar reported that he had Ostrander inspect the roof of the hall and they suggested that we replace it in the near future.

Johnson received information from MTA about an expansion. If we want to finance this project we have to go through the Dept. of Treasury and we need a Qualifying Statement that is required to be submitted annually, but we did not have our audit yet so we do not have that statement in to the government. Johnson received information about the bidding of construction and financing.

After much discussion Zeigler moved that we concentrate on the Hall that we have and do the needed repairs. He also stated that maybe we should get help in figuring out about space planning for the Treasurer and Clerk office. There was no support at this time. More discussion. The decision to look into fixing the existing hall was made by the board, but the addition will remain on the agenda until we get things settled.

Proposal 18-1: Dallar suggested that the board think about a new resolution to opt in or out of the proposal for our area.

New Business:

Fresh Coast Planning 2018-2019: Dallar stated that we had a contract for the Planners office for the next year, if we want to retain their services. Johnson moved that we continue using this Fresh Coast and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Land Division App. – Jakeway: Daller reported that the Zoning Administration and Assessor had looked over this application and gave their approval. Johnson moved that we accept the application and let the division take place and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Proposed Township Schedule for 2018-2019: Daller and Sower had both made up next year's schedule for meetings. Sower had the May meeting as 12th, but it is the 14th. Daller moved that we approve the Schedule with the amendment of the May meeting and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Meeting, Schedule: Daller moved that we accept the proposed schedule as submitted and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved
Johnson stated that she would not be here on February 19 for that meeting. Daller amended his motion by changing the date to February 21 and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Record Keeping Files: Daller expressed the need for someone to go through the files under his desk and in the vault to get them organized and shredded.
Johnson mentioned her concern that the board gave the ok to get Planning Commission Ordinance book up dated and given to the members of that committee. But nothing has happened yet. Daller stated that he would get with Frank Mason about some of the Ordinances.

Recycling: The Ionia Recycling will still be able to service the township on the 4th Saturday of each month, with an added cost of \$50 more a month making it \$450 each month for the upcoming year. Johnson moved that we still contract for the recycling at the extra cost and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Jeff Hunter wanted to know what his tax dollars go to. If we have \$300,000 what has that money been ear marked for? He stated that the board spends hours talking about the addition but will not take ten minutes to explain about the money that the township has. Like safety equip for the fire department. Why don't we stop talking about Home Based Business permits and just throw it out of the ordinances?
Forrest Breimayer stated that he knows that the Fire Dept. does not want the townships help. So why don't we just put the subject about an ATV to rest. He will ask his friend Tim to come to a meeting and explain this to the people.
Johnson wanted to know about the cleanup after the season of mowing this year.

At 9:37 Johnson moved that we adjourn the meeting and Zeigler supported.

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk