

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019 @ 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; Lynda Sower, Clerk
Cara Johnson, Treasurer; Joseph Daller, Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Johnson moved to approve the agenda with two corrections; under new business, e. Kendra & f. Newsletter and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2019 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Daller support. 5-0 approved

March 14, 2019 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Daller supported. 5-0 approved.

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

Acct. Payable	\$ 5,557.36
Sheriff	\$ 3,297.66
Payroll	<u>\$10,030.83</u>
TOTAL	\$18,885.85

Communication: Daller reported that he had a paper for Mercantile Bank about the Shred Days coming up in May. He received a letter from Shane McDonald explaining why he would not be attending the meeting this week. He also had quotes from Ensign Electrical for outside lighting, which is needed for the parking lot, building, and play ground. This will be put on next month's agenda.

Guest: Daller introduced Gregg Moore, Fire Chief in Belding. Daller had asked him to attend the meeting to answer some question from the board and public. Daller told Gregg that we had heard that he would like an ATV for the Fire Dept. Gregg stated that he indeed would like one for emergencies on the Trail for rescue & fire reasons. Gregg had approached the last three city managers, but they could not find the money in their budget to purchase one. He is on the fourth city manager and he seems move responsive. But still money is an issue. He doesn't feel that the pick-ups should be going over the trail bridges because of the weight of them, and a ATV would be nice. Gregg was asked if they had any fires on the trail in Otisco Township. He answered that there were about 6-8 fires not all in Otisco Township but on the trail. And there had also been 8-10 medicals. It takes about 8 people to carry a person out of the trail. In the past they have borrowed Lowell's ATV for Macker. This ATV would allow them to get to the

fires quickly and also to get patients out to the ambulance. When ask if he had an approximate cost for the board, he stated \$27,400. There was some conversation about maybe helping the city to purchase this vehicle. The city's budget comes up on July 1, 2019.

There were questions from the attendees at the meeting:

Nelson's in Greenville will sometimes give them to the fire department to use and return.

Could a Jeep be used?

What is allowed on the trail and what isn't?

If there is damage to the bridges who takes care of that?

A person believes that it would be a good investment for the Township to help with this.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Veenstra reported that he had assisted at some accidents. But there was not a lot of unusual things that happened. He also state that he thought the ATV for the Fire Dept. would be good. He will be doing in service for the Faith Community School and Oakwood Church.

Assessor: There is a March Report in the Board packet.

Cemetery: Laura Staat reported that the next meeting would be April 30, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. at the hall. She also reported that she had found some information about the Smyrna Cemetery Deed, of which we do not have. Some of the suggestions were: Do nothing; it has been a cemetery since 1843. Call township attorney. Quick Claim Deed. Get a survey of the property.

ZBA: Zeigler reported that they had a meeting to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Zoning Administrator: Roger VanderMolen, Zoning Administrator attended the meeting and went over the report that he turned into the board.

New Business:

2019-2020 Budget Amendments: Daller had some revisions for the budget after getting all the numbers from the Bank and Johnson. Daller moved to make the revisions and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Board Resolutions- Assessors Email: Judy Lindberg would like the board to get the papers in order for the AMAR inspection that is coming up. Johnson had received papers from MTA that would help us with this matter. There will be some questions to ask Lindberg about what she has been using in the past and if she would like to continue with what she has. Next month the board will have this matter on the agenda.

Land Division: Ellis Rd. - Two Seasons Property: After looking over the paper work and discussing the matter, Johnson moved to approve the division and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Solar Ordinance: The board would like time to read the final paper work before making a decision. Next month's agenda

Kendra: Sower stated that Kendra wanted to know if the board would consider making the Hall Cleaning a 1099 job instead of added to the deputy duties. The board would like to have Sower explain that they would like to leave it just like it is.

Newsletter: Johnson would like anyone that wants to put something in the next newsletter to get the information to her by April 30, 2019.

Public Comment: Desmond Pike wanted to know if we have landfill vouchers yet. Jeff Hunter thanked the board for having Gregg Moore come to the meeting to answer questions.

Laura Staat wanted to know if anyone knew when they were going to start work on Whites Bridge.

Board Comments: Zeigler reported that he would not have time to do the outside sign any more this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower
Otisco Township Clerk