

## OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Paul Reeves Supervisor.

The Pledge was recited and a short prayer was given by Supervisor, Paul Reeves.

Board Members Present -- Supervisor, Paul Reeves – Treasurer, Janet Breimayer  
Clerk, Lynda Sower –Trustee, Ben Oatley – Trustee, Dan Zeigler

Paul Reeves informed the people that we were going to start taping the meeting, so we could listen back on the meeting and type the minutes.

Paul Reeves ask if there was anything that needed to be added to the agenda. Ben Oatley ask to put under new business, the ambulance response time issue. Supervisor Reeves called for a motion to approve the agenda. Dan Zeigler moved that we approve the agenda and was supported by Jan Breimayer. Voted – 5-0 Passed

Paul Reeves stated that we had to clarify the last month's motions on the agriculture ordinance. After discussion from the board and the audience it was decided that there were two motions, first being, if the board wanted to vote on the ordinance and not send it back to the board. The second being to vote on the approval of the ordinance.

Jan Breimayer also stated that we should put the name of the ordinance in the minutes when we vote on ordinances. Dan Zeigler moved that we approve the minutes with the changes and it was supported by Jan Breimayer. Vote 5-0 Passed

Supervisor Reeves entertained for a motion on the December bills. Jan Breimayer made a motion to pay the bills, and Lynda Sower supported. There was some discussion about some of the bills. Voted – 5-0 Passed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Shelton Crocker remarked about the new pavement job on the corner of Whites Bridge Road and 4 Mile Rd. and also in front of the Double R. He stated that it was a poor job that cost the Township a lot of money and thought they could have done better. He also asks about the culvert on 4 Mile Rd. He wanted to know if the county was going to do it or take bids. Paul Reeves stated it was going up for bids, as far as he knew.

Howard Uiterdyk remarked about the bid that was accepted for the plowing and shoveling at the Township Hall. He felt that we did not get what we were asking for in the publishing ad that was run in the Greenville and Ionia papers.

Lynn Mason stated that she was running for State House 86<sup>th</sup> District in November 2014.

Howard Uiterdyk stated that he was wondering when the board was going to get help for the Treasurer.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Lynda Sower told the board that she had a bill for the MTA magazine for Eric Griffin, Zoning Administrator. Jan Breimayer said she would like her deputy to get it also. Dan Zeigler asks about the other committee members that had wanted it. Lynda Sower told them that Ben had said that the Planning Commission people would like to get the magazine, but it was never presented at a meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT/MINUTES:**

Paul Reeves commented on ambulances response time of 9 min. at the football field a couple of weeks ago. There was some discussion about this matter.

**PLANNING COMMISSION –MEMBER APPOINTMENTS, TWO SEATS:**

Ben Oatley stated that the committee was still working on the vacant building, the new ordinance and etc. Paul Reeves state that there are two seats that are going to be open on the Planning Committee; they are Robert Bach's and Kathy Hubbert's. Paul Reeves had contacted some people about filling these positions, and six people accepted. They are; Robert Bach, Jennifer Daller, Jason Hopkins, Desmond Pike, Laura Staats, and David Pachulski.

Jan Breimayer moved that we approve David Pachulski for one seat on the Planning Commission, and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. Vote - 4-1 Passed

Lynda Sower moved that we approve Jason Hopkins for the remaining seat on the Planning Commission, and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. Vote – 2-3 Did not pass.

Jan Breimayer moved that we approve Desmond Pike for the remaining seat on the Planning Commission; it was supported by Dan Zeigler. Vote –3-2 Passed

**ZBA –MEMBER APPOINTMENT, ONE SEAT:**

Dan Zeigler reported that they had a short meeting this month. They elected new officers on the ZBA committee. Frank Mason, Chairman – Dan Zeigler, Vice Chairman

Laura Staats – Secretary. There is one seat open on the ZBA, which is Laura Staats'. The people that would consider filling that spot are, Laura Staats and Jennifer Daller. Dan Zeigler stated that Laura was doing such a good job and they would hate to lose her as Secretary. Jan Breimayer moved that we approve Laura Staats for the position on the ZBA, Dan Zeigler supported this decision. Vote - 5-0 Passed

**NEW LAND SPLITS:** There were none

**ROAD COMMITTEE – FOUR MILE CULVERT – FLAT RIVER TR. – MONTCALM:**

Paul Reeves informed the board that he had gone on a long ride with Scott from the Ionia County Road Commission, and they had looked at some of the issues in the roads in our township. Scott implied that they are not expecting to get FEMA money for the repairs. The Ionia County Road Commission is going to put in a culvert 142"x91" on 4 Mile Rd. The cost is \$18,112.50; Paul encouraged the board to make some kind of decision on this as soon as possible. Ben Oatley moved that we accept the quote for the new culvert on 4 Mile Rd., and Jan Breimayer supported. Vote – 5-0 Passed

Paul Reeves presented a quote of \$66,698.00, for the project on Montcalm Ave. The board decided to put this on hold for now. Paul Reeves ask the board members to take a look at it before the next meeting. The Flat River Trail brush cutting project was also put on hold for now. Paul Reeves ask the board to look at this road also. These two items will be put on the agenda for next month.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE:**None

**PITCH LANDFILL STUDY:** None

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – LYNN MASON:** Lynn Mason reported that the Ionia County had approved their budget for next year. There were some questions for Lynn Mason, about the County Equalization Director; she reported that they contract that out. Lynn Mason stated the budget is for approximately one and a half people for this position. Lynn Mason will get information and get back to Paul Reeves about the County Equalization Director position.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **FRED MEIJER TRAIL – DNA AND R/W:**

There were people who were asking about the Fred Meijer Trail. Lynn Mason reported that the trail had gotten a Grant to start it and the city of Belding had kicked in a large amount also. Lynn Mason stated that Federal Grant money does not work like people think. If the state doesn't take it, it will cut the whole Transportation and Trails monies.

**WEB SITE – BETSY:** Lynda Sower reported that Betsy from Addorio was coming to the township hall on Thursday. AT&T is going to be hooking us up to a faster internet service at that time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**AMBULANCE SERVICE:** The board has already talked about the response time of the ambulance to the Belding Football Field.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Paul Reeves ask the public about the recycling service that we contract. There were comments from the people about the man that ran the operation this past month. He was not excepting the articles that usually would be alright. The recycling man turned one woman away. Paul Reeves is going to look into a new Recycle Company. Glenn Geiger wanted to know what is going to be done with all the Ash trees that are diseased in the township. Forrest Breimayer asks when the new Zoning Books were going to be completed. JanBreimayer proposed to hire her Deputy Treasurer, Cindy Zahm to take board minutes. This will be discussed at the budget meeting.

**ADGENDA:** Dates for the 2014 Budget meetings must be set. They are as followed:

January 7, 2014 at 6:30pm

February 3, 2014 at 6:30pm

February 11, 2014 6:30pm – Public Hearing

March 11, 2014 at 6:30pm – Approve Budget

April 8, 2014 at 6:30pm – Financial Statement

**ADJOURN:** Jan Breimayer moved that we adjourn and Dan Zeigler supported.

Vote - 5-0 Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

MINUTES SUMMITTED BY:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk