

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of Otisco Township was called to order by Supervisor Reeves at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer.

Members Present: Supervisor – Reeves, Treasurer – Breimayer, Trustee – Oatley, Trustee - Ziegler

Member Absent: Clerk - Sower

Approval of Agenda: Jan Breimayer moved and Dan Ziegler supported approval of the Agenda as written. The Agenda was approved 4-0.

Approval of Minutes: Ben moved and Dan supported approval of the February 12, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved 4-0.

Approval of Monthly Bills: Dan moved and Jan supported the bills in the amount of \$13,585.00 be approved. All Ayes.

Public Comment: Chris Thelen of the Ionia County Economic Alliance asked the Board to keep in mind their donation to the Economic Alliance and of what a wonderful job the Economic Alliance does for the communities.

Correspondence: None

Special Speaker: Chris Thelen talked about the need for the Consumers Energy Ordinance needs to be renewed every 30 years. He was attending this meeting to get approval of this Ordinance. Jan Breimayer moved to approve the Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. It was supported by Ben Oatley. All in favor. Approved 4-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ambulance/Fire – Nothing to report.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission reviewed “Conditional Zoning” and the new Recreation Plan.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No Meeting

Zoning Administrator – Reported 4 Property inspections; 61 ordinance information requests; 8 faxes/emails received; 16 walk-in customers and 11/18 call-ins/call-up customers for the month of February.

New Land Division – One new land division for the Board’s approval at 9211 Button Rd. Paul Reeves moved we accept the Land Division per the Assessor’s approval, supported by Dan Ziegler. All Ayes.

Cemetery Committee – Nothing to report.

Pitch Landfill Study – Nothing new to report.

County Commissioner Lynn Mason - As County Commissioner, Lynn attended a Environmental/Sanitary Code meeting. If anyone on the Township Board would be interested, they need members to this new board.

Lynn also reported on the Fred Meijer Trails Meeting held in Belding on March 11. The Rails-to-Trails would appreciate it if the Township would give them \$5,000 toward the trails.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Fred Meijer Trail – DNR and R/W – Nothing new to report

Copier – Paul received two bids for a new copy machine. Board members are to study them and decide at the April meeting.

Trash Vouchers for 2013/14 – Dan Ziegler moved and Jan Breimayer supported to continue with the Trash Vouchers for the township residents. The vote was 4-0 to approve.

Signed Complaints – Jan Breimayer moved and Dan Ziegler supported to pass a Resolution that the Complaints received by the Zoning Administrator from citizens of the township, be signed by the individual complaining. It was a tie vote – 2 yeas and 2 nays.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Road Brine/Gravel – An Agreement for 2013 to Brine the roads this summer from the Ionia County Road Commission was received. The cost to do this is 100% of Otisco Township. Ben Oatley moved and Dan Ziegler supported to approve this Agreement. All Ayes 4-0

A Gravel Agreement was also received from the Ionia County Road Commission to gravel some roads (named by the Ionia County Road Commission) for a total of 8,000 cu yards. Ben Oatley moved to accept this Agreement and Dan Ziegler supported. Approved 4-0.

Long Lake Bridge over the Grand River – Paul Reeves moved to accept the Engineering cost of \$20,000 (twp share) to this bridge. Dan Ziegler supported the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Jan Breimayer moved to have the Ionia County Road Commission reapply for road funding to do the bridge. Dan Ziegler supported. Motion passed 4-0.

Computer Repair - Paul Reeves reported on the major issue we are having with the township's computers. On February 14 our computers were hit with a power surge. At that time the main computer with the router went down. All the Clerk's and Treasurer's programs were gone, besides the history. At this writing we still do not have our computers back up and running. It was very difficult for the Treasurer to complete this year's taxes on time with the County.

Dan Ziegler moved to Recess the Regular Meeting. Jan Breimayer supported. Motion passed 4-0.

Paul Reeves moved to open a Public Hearing for the 2013-14 Budget.

Paul reviewed the proposed budget in detail. It was brought to our attention that \$3,000 for Social Security and Medicare was in the budget in two places. The Board decided to remove one of the \$3,000 and adjust the totals by \$3,000.

Dan Ziegler moved and Jan Breimayer supported to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed 4-0.

Paul Reeves moved to approve the Budget for the 2013-14 year. Jan Breimayer supported. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Public Comment**

Paul Reeves noted that the Budget was reduced by \$12,000 for the Zoning Administrator for the next fiscal year due to budget constraints. The Board did not get an increase in their pay this year also.

A special meeting to tell the Zoning Administrator was tentatively set for March 19 at 6 p.m.

Next month's Agenda – Review the insurance on the township hall.

Dan Ziegler moved and Ben Oatley supported to close the meeting at 9:30 p.m.  
All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Breimayer  
Acting Secretary