

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014**

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

Members Present: Supervisor; Paul Reeves – Clerk; Lynda Sower
Treasurer; Janet Breimayer – Trustee; Ben Oatley
Trustee – Dan Zeigler

Approval of Agenda: Jan Breimayer moved and Dan Zeigler supported the Approval of Agenda. 5-0 passed

Approval of Minutes: Ben Oatley moved and Dan Zeigler supported the minutes of November 11, 2014, Regular Board Meeting.
5-0 passed

Monthly Bills: Dan Zeigler moved and Jan Breimayer supported the Approval of the monthly bills. (\$88,610.49) 5-0 passed

Public Comment: Laura Staats inquired about a pole for the outside light. Paul Reeves commented that he has talked to a couple of people, but we do not have one at this time.
Shane McDonald inquired about having chickens on his property on Whites Bridge Rd. He has looked up Ordinances in Portland about farm animals, and they can have four chickens. He would like to see Otisco Township look into their Ordinance that would allow chickens in Otisco. Paul Reeves' response was that Shane should go to the Planning Commission with this issue.

Correspondence:

Lynda Sower reported that we received new quotes for the cemetery rates from Ralph VanOcker, starting on January 1, 2015. Paul Reeves stated that we will need those figures for our Budget for 2015.

Lynda Sower reported that we received a letter from Ionia County Road Commission about an Ordinance that the county is going to adopt about ORV's on the roads for Ionia County. They would like to know if any townships have any suggestions. It was also stated that the Townships can create their own Ordinances. Paul Reeves would like the board to receive copies of the questionnaire and draft Ordinance before our next meeting.

Committee Reports:**Planning Commission:**

Ben Oatley reported that they set back the Gathering Ordinance, so the new Zoning Administrator, Marc Larabel, could get some information about it. There was also some talk about the Andy Lehman Trucking Business.

ZBA:

Dan Zeigler reported that the ZBA had their meeting December 8, 2014. They Approved the Minutes from the August Meeting. They did not elect Officers for this next year. The Township Board needs to vote on some of the members that are on the ZBA at the present time, as their terms are up.

Cemetery Committee:

Lynda Sower wanted to know if the Committee should take the Flags off of the graves for the winter. Paul Reeves will get the flags. Laura Staatsask if there could be something put in the newsletter about the flags. If any people had placed their own flags on the graves, they could pick them up at the hall.

Unfinished Business:

Website:

Lynda Sower reported that she had not gotten Addorio to come about the website. There was a Post-Audit of our November 4th Election on Friday, December 5, 2014. She and her Deputy had to get things around for the audit and could not find the time to work on the website. Lynda will try to get something done by next month.

218 Agreement:

Paul Reeves reported that he was advised by our Attorney to contact our Auditor, and Paul is waiting for a call from Larry Tiejema. After much discussion Jan Breimayer moved that we table this matter until they receive more information and it was supported by Ben Oatley.
4-1 passed Lynda Sower was the only no vote.

Newsletter:

Paul Reeves inquired about the Newsletter and wondered if we had enough things to put into the letter. Lynda Sower reported that we did indeed have enough and the newsletter would be coming out soon.

New Business:

Planning Commission, ZBA,

Board of Review Appointments: Planning Commission two positions are up, they would be Jim Tarkowski and Frank Mason. The positions run for three years (2018) and both have said that they would run again. Paul Reeves moved that we appoint Jim and Frank to these positions and it was supported by Ben Oatley. 5-0 passed

ZBA:

Paul Reeves stated that one of the positions must be held by a Planning Commission person, and this board will pick a member to be on the ZBA board.

Glenn Geiger's position as an alternate will end. This is a three year term. Paul Reeves stated that Glenn's wife said "he would do it". Jan Breimayer moved that we elect Glenn for this position and Dan Zeigler supported. 5-0 passed

Board of Review:

Paul Reeves said that he had it down for

Frank Mason – two year term

George Chickering – two year term

Shane McDonald - two year term

Kathy Hubbert – two year term (alternate)

Dan Zeigler moved to elect the above people and Ben Oatley supported. 5-0 passed

We will have to wait until the January Meeting to place a second alternate to this board.

Computer & Office Space: Paul Reeves told the Board that he would like us to think about how to free up some more space for the Assessor to work better in the office space that they have. We can discuss this at the budget meeting.

Budget Work Shop: Tues., Jan. 6, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

Tom Daller had questions about the signature on the complaints, he would prefer to call them inquiries. Paul Reeves told him that an inquiry and a complaint mean about the same thing. Paul also, told him that the Zoning Administrator would write a letter to the people and explain to them about the complaint (inquiry). Then he would talk to them about the matter. Tom ask the board a question about how we felt about having to sign the complaints. If the board thought it would inhibit people from coming and complaining about their neighbors or friends. Ben Oatley answered the question. He thinks that it stops people from coming with a legitimate complaint.

Agenda:

218 Agreement
Signing of Complaints

Adjournment:

Jan Breimayer moved that we adjourn at 8:17 p.m. and Dan Zeigler supported. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk