

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2013 – 7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Reeves.

The pledge was recited and a short prayer was said by Supervisor, Paul Reeves.

Board Members Present: Supervisor-Paul Reeves, Treasurer-Janet Breimayer
Clerk-Lynda Sower, Trustees-Ben Oatley and Dan Zeigler.

Jan Breimayer moved to approve the agenda as submitted, Ben Oatley supported. Passed by all.

Dan Zeigler moved that the April 9, 2013 minutes be approved with the corrections, so noted. Jan Breimayer supported. Passed by all.

Jan Breimayer moved the Special Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2013 and was supported by Dan Zeigler. Passed by all

Paul Reeves had bills that did not get in the initial running of checks.

\$2528.19 – Life EMS 2nd quarter

\$162.50 – Long Lake Bridge project

At this time Ben Oatley asked about the pay for Paul Reeves, for filling in for the position of Zoning Administrator. This was moved by Ben Oatley and supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

\$1500.00- For Paul Reeves for Zoning Administrator

Jan Breimayer moved that the bills be as presented with the added ones also, it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

PUBLIC COMMENT : None

CORRESPONDENCE: Paul read a letter from the committee that is planning the 160 year celebration for Smyrna. It will be Aug. 3, 2013. There will be lots of fun activities the entire day. They would like to use the grounds at the hall for old cars, tractors, etc. Paul Reeves moved that we allow them the use of our grounds for the day, it was supported by Ben Oatley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES:

Fire/Mutual Aid Compact/Ambulance – Report for Fire Dept. was presented for Jan. 1 – Mar. 31, 2013 in the amount of \$8120.92.

Planning Commission – Ben Oatley reported the rezoning is not being done at this time. The Rec. Planning is on hold.

ZBA – Dan Zeigler reported the committee allowed a Land Variance for the property on Thorwood.

Zoning Administrator Report – We have received 20 resumes for the Zoning Admin. job. There will be a Special Meeting on MAY 21, 2013 at 6:00pm, to discuss how we are going to run the interviews.

New Land Splits – There are 2 land splits on hold.

Roads Committee – Agreement from the road commission about the Whites Bridge and 5 Mile project are on hold. We are asking the Road Commission to come to the May 21, 2013 special meeting – at 7:00pm.

Cemetery committee - Paul Reeves reported that the electric was repaired and waiting for Consumers to get the well started at the Otisco Cemetery. The flags are paid for and should be in place by Memorial

Day. Ben Oatley ask about the lawn care. Paul Reeves stated that is seems to be going good.

Pitch Landfill Study - None to report

County Commissioner – Lynn Mason was not present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fred Meijer Trail – DNR and R/V – Nothing to report

Planning Commission – The Township Board would like to receive the minutes in a more timely fashion. They are needed for payroll and also to get packets ready for the next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Insurance - Paul Reeves reported that the insurance company had a representative come to the hall to discuss the insurance that we currently have. He stated that everything looks like it is in place and we have coverage for all that we need.

Motion to pay social security – A motion was needed to comply with the State regulations for us to pay social security benefits for the township employees. Lynda Sower moved that we pay the social security. It was supported by Jan Breimayer. 5-0 passed by all

Policy on paying bills – Jan Breimayer moved that we start paying bills every 2 weeks; this will stop the late fees on them. It was supported by Ben Oatley.

Closing Whites Bridge Aug. 3, 2013 – The social club representatives: Maryann Reeves and Laura Statts are not sure if the want the Button Rd. closed or Whites Bridge Rd. for the 160th Smyrna Celebration. They will let us know so we can apply for the permit.

Three properties tax foreclosure sale - Lynda Sower reported that she received a letter from the County Treasurers Office about 3 parcels of property that are in foreclosure and the township could purchase them for the township use. Paul Reeves moved that we turn down this offer and it was supported by Jan Breimayer.

Escrow refunds of 50cents? – The board discussed and decided to send a check for the 50 cents to the motor cycle club. It was left over after the newspaper public hearing publication. The club is not purchasing the said property and there was not public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Reeves noted that we do not have our address numbers anywhere at the Township Hall. It was moved by Lynda Sower and supported by Dan Zeigler that we see that this is done. Lynda Sower will look into this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jan Briemayer moved that we be adjourned. Support by Dan Zeigler.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Signed,

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk.