

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

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

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

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

Paul Reeves called for a motion on the Agenda. Jan Breimayer moved that we accept the agenda and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the March minutes and Paul Reeves supported. 5-0 passed

Paul Reeves inquired about a bill from Corporate Warehouse supply for \$919.75. We received toner for the printer from Corporate Warehouse. We get toner from Hasselbring-Clark, under our contract with them. Lynda Sower will make calls and investigate this further. Dan Zeigler moved that we pay the monthly bills, excluding the Warehouse bill, JanBreimayer supported. 5-0 passed

CORRESPONDENCE: Clean Carpets – The board decided to wait on cleaning the carpets.

Paul Reeves read a memo about the Ionia Co. Twp. Officers Assn. Quarterly Meeting, being held on April 14, at 7:00 pm, at the Boston Twp. Hall in Saranac.

Paul Reeves read a memo from M-66 Land Use Advisory Board Meeting, being held April 17, at 4:30 pm, at the Ionia County Road Commission in Ionia

Lynda Sower had received a letter from Larry Tiejema, PC, our 2013 Auditor, he would like to be contracted to do our 2014 audit at the cost of \$2500-\$2700. Paul Reeves called for a motion on this. Jan Breimayer moved that we contract LarryTiejema as our 2014 Auditor, and Dan Zeigler support. 5-0 passed

There was some discussion about the outside light and the flag pole. THANKS PAUL FOR GETTING THE ONE OUTSIDE LIGHT FIXED.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Ben Oatley reported that the Public Hearing last month at the Planning Commission meeting, went well. The Master Plan is not completed.

FRED MEIJER TRAIL: Paul Reeves has made a list of people that own property on either side of the Fred Meijer's Trail, which he would like to send to Senator Emmons and Representative Lyons. Paul wanted to know if the board had any objection to sending them. The board unanimously agreed it was alright with them.

NEW LAND SPLITS: Paul Reeves presented two different land splits that we had received and that Judy Lindberg, Assessor and Eric Griffin, Zoning Administrator, had researched both of them and had given their approval of the splits. The Board will now vote on them.

Thomas Wedge-34-130-028-000-105-00 Split 6A. of 14.8 A. Ingalls. Lynda Sower moved that we approve the split and it was supported by Ben Oatley. 5-0 passed

Richard Hoag- 34-130-000-070-00 Split of 2.54 A. and buildings corner of Jacoby and Andres. Lynda Sower moved that we approve this split and Jan Breimayer supported. 5-0 passed

ROAD COMMITTEE: Paul Reeves presented road work agreements from the Ionia County Road Commission.

1. Gradall Work for 2014 within Otisco Township. It is agreed that the township of Otisco will pay 100% of actual cost as billed each month as work is completed, or as materials are bought and paid for. Paul Reeves moved that we approve this agreement and it was supported by Lynda Sower. 5-0 passed
2. Crack seal, chip seal and fog seal Palmer Rd. and crack seal Hawley Hwy, Krupp Rd. and Whites Bridge Rd. estimated at \$65,800. Lynda Sower moved that we approve this work and it was supported by Jan Breimayer. 5-0 passed
3. 2014 Gravel Agreement. It is agreed that the township of Otisco will pay 100% of actual cost as billed each month as work is completed. There is a map enclosed with this agreement showing the roads and how much gravel will be added to them. Dan Zeigler moved that we approve the agreement and Jan Breimayer support. 5-0 passed
4. Long Lake Bridge over Flat River: Estimated local share \$70,000- Construction of new bridge & construction engineering. It is agreed that the Township of Otisco will pay 50% of actual cost (estimated at \$140,000) as billed each month as work is completed. Lynda Sower moved that we approve this agreement and it was supported by Ben Oatley. 5-0 passed
5. Flat River Trail Brush Cut. Brushcutting for 2.2 miles of Flat River Trail between Zahm Rd. and Button Road. Estimated township share is \$14,461.80. It is agreed that the township of Otisco will pay 100% of actual cost as billed each month as work is completed, or as materials are bought and paid for. Lynda Sower moved that we approve this agreement and it was supported by Paul Reeves. 5-0 passed

CEMETERY: Paul Reeves reported that the American Legion Post in Belding were going to place American Flags in the cemeteries on Veterans graves at a cost of \$89.90. Paul Reeves moved that we approve this and Dan Zeigler supported. 5-0 passed.

AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE- 2014-01 & 2014-02: Paul Reeves noted that we got ahead of ourselves and voted on these last month, but the Planning Commission needed to have their Public Hearing.

Ordinance No. 2014-01: An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Otisco (Compliance with the requirements of PA 33 of 2008, Planning Enabling Act and provide a definition of Farm and Agricultural products). Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the changes to the Ordinance and Lynda Sower supported. 5-0 passed

Ordinance No. 2014-02: An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Otisco (Compliance with the requirements of PA 110 of 2006, the Zoning Enabling Act as amended by PA 12 of 2008) Lynda Sower moved that we approve the changes and Ben Oatley supported. 5-0 passed

Paul Reeves informed the board the Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings Ordinance, was only a draft for us to look over.

COUNTY PARCEL INFORMATION REQUEST: Paul Reeves stated that the Ionia County Treasurer would like to get all the tax information on BS&A website. They are asking if the townships will contribute \$500, yearly to support this project. This would be information that our township citizens could look at free. If the townships do not participate in this move, there will be charge of \$2.00 per record each time someone gets on and look up the records. After some discussion, Jan Breimayer moved that we pay \$500 yearly for this service and it was supported by Lynda Sower. 3-2 passed

Paul Reeves and Dan Zeigler were the two no votes.

RECESS: The board took a recess to look at the selections we had for a Township Flag.

BACK TO ORDER FOR THE MEETING: Ben Oatley moved that we use #7 for our Township Flag and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 3-2 passed

Jan Breimayer and Lynda Sower were the two no votes.

NEW COMPUTERS: Paul Reeves stated that we were having some trouble with our computers because of them being Window XP. We have quotes from Addorio to purchase new Dell computers but no monitors, for three computers for the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk, at the cost of \$2006.44. Jan Breimayer moved that we purchase the three computers and it was supported by Lynda Sower. 5-0 passed

Lynda Sower brought it to the boards' attention that Eric Griffin, Zoning Administrator, was also having problems with his computer too. Eric would prefer to have a laptop that he can use for the meetings of the committees he oversees, to bring up information for them. Lynda Sower had a quote for a laptop for Eric, from Addorio, for the cost of \$911.13. Lynda Sower moved that we purchase this laptop and Jan Breimayer supported. 5-0 passed

OUTDOOR LIGHTING & HOT WATER HEATER: There was some discussion about the lighting in the parking lot. We do not have hot water at the hall, Paul Reeves is going to purchase a new hot water heater and get it installed. This was a unanimous decision by the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: At this time Paul Reeves went over the Treasurer's Report, about all the funds that we have available. Paul stated that we should be looking into some ways to get projects started for the betterment of our Township. David Hodges stated that he would like to see the markers in cemeteries fixed and standing upright again. Paul Reeves stated that he would like to see more money put into roads. Forrest Breimayer stated that he thinks we should be looking at a way to get an addition on the hall, so all of the officers would have their own office space, and also large enough to legally hold the elections. Dave Hodges thought this would be a good idea, and maybe we could let the citizens use the hall for special events. Lynda Sower stated that maybe we should make the citizens aware in the next newsletter that goes out, and ask for their suggestions. Paul stated that we will have to think about what we want to do.

ADJOURN:Jan Breimayer moved that we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lynda Sower
Otisco Township Clerk

