

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2013 @ 7:00PM

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

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, Trustees- Ben Oatley and Dan Zeigler.

Agenda: Ben Oatley moved that we accept the agenda as presented and it was supported by Jan Breimayer. 5-0 passed

Jan Breimayer stated that the following things be added to the minutes. Sheriff before the Deputy in the agenda and Main St. Planning added to the Planning Commission to state where and who Janis Johnson is. With these corrections Jan Breimayer moved that we accept the minutes and Dan Zeigler supported. 5-0 passed

Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the monthly bills and it was supported by Paul Reeves. 5-0 passed

PUBLIC COMMENT: Maryanne Reeves thanked the township Board for the use of the grounds for the 160 Smyrna Days, for the old tractors and cars. Karlene Johnson came to the board to ask about a resolution adopted in April 2011, that prohibited the sale of liquor on Sunday mornings. She stated that the state of Michigan had in fact adopted a law for selling liquor before the noon hour on Sundays in 2010. She is asking us to resin the resolution. Davis Hodges gave the board a semi-annual report on the lawn service the he is doing for us at the hall and cemeteries.

IONIA COUNTY SHERIFF: Dale Miller presented the Township board with information about the crimes that have been committed in Otisco Township for the past year, and the responses from the Ionia County Sheriff's dept. and the State Police. There was some discussion about what the people in the community can do to help law enforcement with these crimes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES:

FIRE/MUTUAL AID COMPACT AMBULANCE-We received a report from the City of Belding about the amount of fires that they have responded to in our Township.

PLANNING COMMISSION-Ben Oatley reported that the planning commission had given a special use permit to the Labor Day Committee in Belding for the Truck Pulls, on Ellis Ave.

ZBA-Dan Zeigler reported that they had there Zoning Board of Appeals meeting but did not have much business to conduct this month.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Paul Reeves reported that our new Zoning Administrator, Eric Griffin, was doing a good job. And that he was working very hard to learn the job.

NEW LAND SPLITS – Mangus on Bricker: Jan Breimayer moved that we accept the lad split and it was support by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed
Mcguire on Fish: Paul Reeves advised that this should be contingent on the Assessor, Judy Lindberg’s acceptance. Dan Zeigler moved that we accept this upon the assessors approval. Lynda Sower supported the movement. 5-0 passed

ROAD COMMITTEE- nothing to report

CEMETERY COMMITTEE-Paul Reeves reported that the committee had met and looked at the cemeteries. We have 2 trees that are dead in the Smyrna Cemetery and that we need to contract someone to take them down. Also , we need some tree trimming in both Smyrna and Otisco Cemeteries.

PITCH LANDFILL STUDY –Nothing to report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Lynn Mason was not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FRED MEIJER TRAIL – DNA AND R/W-nothing to report

BALLOT PROPOSALS-Jan Breimayer moved that we accept the renewal resolution for the fire protection and emergency rescue services, of 1 mill for 4 years. It was supported by Lynda Sower. 5-0 passed
Dan Zeigler moved that we accept the renewal resolution for road maintenance and improvement, of 2 mills for 4 years. It was supported Ben Oatley. 5-0 passed

NEW BUSINESS:

WEB PAGE-Nothing to report

AUDIT-SEPTEMBER-Lynda Sower reported that she had contacted Lawrence Tiejema,PC about the annual audit. His price would be \$3000-\$3500 for this service and he would also do the F-65 report for us that is due in Sept., but the state had given us an extension until Oct.31, 2013. Sept. 19, 2013 he will be at the township to do the audit. Jan Breimayer moved that we approve this and it was supported by Lynda Sower. 5-0 passed

ZONING ADMIN. TRAINING.-Lynda Sower moved that we approve the Aug. 20, 2013 training, for Eric Griffin-Zoning Administrator. It was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karlene Johnson ask us if we would consider her request to reinstate the resolution of April 2011. Paul Reeves responded that we would have it on the agenda next month.

ADJOURN: Jan Breimayer moved that we adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. It was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

Signed,

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk

