

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APRIL 14, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a short prayer by Ben Oatley, Trustee.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Breimayer, Treasurer – Lynda Sower, Clerk
Dan Zeigler, Trustee – Ben Oatley, Trustee, Chairperson

MEMBER ABSENT: Paul Reeves, Supervisor

Agenda Approval: After discussion about some things that needed to be added to the agenda. Lynda Sower moved to approve the agenda with the added subjects, and Dan Zeigler seconded. 4-0 Passed

Approval of Minutes: After some discussion of the March 10, 2015 Board Meeting minutes, Dan Zeigler moved that we approve the minutes and it was seconded by Jan Breimayer. 3-1 Passed Lynda Sower was the only no vote.

Approval Bills: Jan Breimayer moved that we pay the bills of \$38,475.95 and Dan Zeigler seconded. 4-0 Passed

Mowing Bids: Lynda Sower opened all six bids and read them to the group. After the board had time to talk and look over the bids, Jan Breimayer moved that we accept the bid from North Woods Lawn Service in the amount of \$9,500.00 for summer of 2015, and Dan Zeigler seconded. 4-0 Passed

Roadside Mowing Bids: Lynda Sower opened the one bid that we received for this position. Dan Zeigler moved that we accept the bid for Bear's Excavation LTD. In the amount of \$3,194.82 per mow, a three year contract with adjustment if fuel prices increased. He will mow two or three times a year as requested by the Township Board and Jan Breimayer seconded. 4-0 Passed

Correspondence: Lynda Sower received a letter asking if we wanted to have our name in the International League of Cities. The board was not interested in this. Lynda also informed the board that our new electric meter was installed last week. Lynda also reported that we received a letter and application if anyone would like to be on the Board of Directors of the Participating Plan. Jan Breimayer had a message from Christine Bennett, from the DNR, she plans on having a meeting the week of May 3rd, for anyone that has property on the Trail. She will be contacting Paul Reeves with the exact date.

Planning Commission: Ben Oatley reported that the committee had finished with the Gathering Ordinance and sent it to the Otisco Township Board. They are also working on some changes on set backs about chicken and livestock. Public Hearing is tomorrow night. They also want to talk about the Wood Burning Stove Ordinance that we already have.

Road Committee: Gravel Agreement with Ionia County Road Commission –5800 yards of gravel at \$9.39 a Yard. Lynda Sower moved that we accept the agreement and Jan Breimayer seconded. 4-0 Passed

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats stated that we need to have a cemetery meeting. David Hodges stated that we had a list of things that needed to be done at our last meeting. April 29,2015 at 10:00 a.m. will be the next cemetery meeting.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a Commissioners meeting this afternoon and they were discussing facilities – the designs for the maintenance building- the old jail is going to be converted to office space- losing Deputies to Kent County and also Sargents- Clarksville entered into a contract with the sheriff dept. for patrolling.

Board of Review Alternate: Dan Zeigler moved that we have Cindy Zahm as an alternate on the Board of Review committee and Jan Breimayer seconded. 4-0 Passed

Ionia County Allocation Paperwork: Lynda Sower reported on the Allocation for the one mill from the county figures are used from the 2015-2016 Budget.

Outdoor Gathering Ordinance: Lynda Sower requested that the term Clerk be removed from Pg. 2. There were numerous other questions about different parts of the ordinance. Lynda Sower moved that we table this until next month and Dan Zeigler seconded. 2-1 Passed Jan Breimayer was the only no vote. Chairperson Ben Oatley could not vote due to making it a tie.

2014-2015 Budget: Lynda Sower reported that the budget for the last fiscal year needed to have monies moved around to make a balanced budget. The figures will be used from the same department or like department where we did not use all that was budgeted. Dan Zeigler moved that the board allow Lynda to make the changes and bring it to the next board meeting, Jan Breimayer seconded. 4-0 Passed

Public Comment: Ken Gasper, Ionia Road Commission, wanted to know if anyone had any questions about the Proposal I, which is coming to a vote on May 5th. Forrest Breimayer and John Feuerstein wanted to know about the gas tax we have now, and where it goes. Also, what was going to happen with the new Proposal? Laura Staats reported that the Social Club is going to have their annual event on August 1, 2015. They will not be using the township property this year.

Dan Zeigler moved that we adjourn at 9:07 p.m. and JanBreimayer seconded.

Submitted by:

Lynda Sower
Otisco Township Clerk

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