

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

REVISED MINUTES

JULY 9, 2013 @ 7:00PM

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

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 requested a change in the agenda. Addition to be added to New Business, to see about having a Sheriff Deputy for next meeting. Jan Breimayer moved that this be done and it was supported by Lynda Sower. 5-0 passed

Ben Oatley moved that we approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on June 11, 2013 and was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed
Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the minutes from the special meeting on June 22, 2013 and was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

Paul Reeves stated that we need to keep track of the budget, in some areas we are over. We need to decide about moving money over to the Cemetery Fund, as we do not have enough to cover this month's bills. We need to also look to see if we want to continue to pay some of the bills out of this fund. Jan Breimayer moved that we take money from the General Fund to be put in the Cemetery Fund. Amount \$500. It was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lynn Mason stated that we have been getting a lot of bad publicity; break-ins, the Whites Bridge burning, and etc. We will discuss this in the New Business under the addition that we made earlier.

CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Reeves stated that we had a Legal Notice about the establishment of the water level at Ranney Lake.

Lynda Sower requested to purchase a new FOIA book from MTA for \$22. This was ok'd by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES:

Fire/Mutual Aid Compact Ambulance – none

Planning Commission – Ben Oatley reported that Janis Johnson, from Main St. Planning, was at the last meeting to talk to them about ordinances. The recreation plans are still on hold.

ZBA – Dan Zeigler reported that they had a meeting last Monday. They approved a Special Use Permit to build a house behind an existing pole building on Ostrum Rd.

New Land Splits – none

Road Committee – none

Cemetery Committee – The committee is going to walk through the cemeteries on July 22, 2013 at 1:00pm. The committee consists of: Paul Reeves, Joan Reeves, Maryann Reeves, Laura Staats, Melissa Kline, and Lynda Sower.

PITCH LANDFILL STUDY – none

COUNTY COMMISSIONER-LYNN MASON – The county has a temporary Health Officer, until they can make a decision on what they are going to do. The county is also looking for a new Equalization Officer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fred Meijer Trail – DNR ad R/W- none

Revised cost to format Zoning Ordinance & prepare Amendment – Paul stated that the cost for this service has changed. It will cost \$1330, instead of the \$1385 that was approved before. Dan Zeigler moved that we approve this new amount and it was supported by Jan Breimayer. 5-0 passed

Rick Thacker Salvage Yard License – Paul Reeves moved that we approve the license for 1 year, and it was supported by Jan Breimayer. 5-0 passed

NEW BUSINESS:

New Laptop – Clerk – Lynda Sower reported to the board that she had looked at Staples and had been quoted an approximate price of \$1400. She will look at other options.

Web Page – Lynda Sower reported that Jason Bignall came and helped to straighten some things on our webpage. But we will still have to look into getting a new webpage set-up at a later date.

BS&A help for Treasurer – Distributions – Paul Reeves reported to the board that BS&A could come on July 16, 2013 to help Jan Breimayer and Cindy Zahm to get the past years distributions

straightened out. The cost for this would be \$375. Paul Reeves moved that we approve this and Ben Oatley supported it. 5-0 passed

Zoning Administrator – starting date & training – Paul Reeves reported that Lynda Sower ran a back ground check and there has been a drug test on Eric Griffin and that everything came back very good. Paul would like to have him start July 15, 2013. They are going to ask Mike Paige if he is still willing to help train Eric. Ben Oatley moved that we get our Zoning Administrator started on July 15, and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

Complaints – signed or unsigned – There was a discussion between the board and the public, in attendance to the meeting, about what they would like to do about this. Jan Breimayer moved that we only accept complaints in writing and with a signature, it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 3-2 passed

Blassen & White Drain – There was a discussion about the drain and where it was located. Jan Breimayer moved that we approve to help pay for work that needs to be done. It was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

Accounting & Payroll work shop – Treasurer & Deputy – There is a workshop on July 19, 2013, the cost is \$198, and the treasurer and her deputy would like to attend this. Jan Breimayer moved that we approve them to attend the workshop and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

Sheriff - Ben Oatley asked if we could get someone to come from the Ionia County Sheriff Office to report to us about all the trouble that we are having in our township. Paul Reeves will look into having someone here at the regular meeting in August.

PUBLIC COMMENT :

A question from the public about if we had ever been reimbursed after the power outage in February. Lynda Sower reported that we had in fact received Insurance money of approximately \$2600.

ADJOURN:

Jan Breimayer moved that we adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, it was supported by Dan Zeigler. Meeting adjourned.

Signed

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk

