

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 11, 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 was given by Paul Reeves, Supervisor.

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

Lynda Sower stated that she would like to add the outside light to the Agenda. Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the agenda with this addition and Dan Zeigler supported. 5-0 passed

There were amendments to be made in the February 11, 2014 minutes. On page two, the Trustees wages Resolution- strike out 2014-14 and replace by 2014-04. On page three, Public Hearing- strike out Hearing and replace by Comment. Also, on page three, Public Comment, a reply to Lynn Mason's question-Lynda Sower responded, by telling Lynn that she had received a couple of the surveys back, and had given them to Eric Griffin, Zoning Administrator. Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the February minutes as amended and Ben Oatleysupported. 5-0 passed

Jan Breimayer told the board that the Credit Card was not supposed to be in payroll, but in accounts payable. Lynda Sower moved that we approve the monthly bills and it was supported by Jan Breimayer. 5-0 passed

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Hodges stated that bids for lawn care should be in by the end of March. Dave also told us about some damage to markers in the cemeteries and that the drive in the Smyrna Cemetery could use some work done on it.

Marie Hodges stated that she loved the new guardrails along the road by the bridge on Button Rd. She would like to see No Parking signs after the guardrails to the next road. Paul Reeves stated that he would get back to that subject later in the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Reeves stated that he had received paperwork from the Ionia Road Commission that came from Williams & Works explaining the billing facts for the Bridge on Long Lake Rd. It looks like the billing is on track and we will still be getting bills fora while. Lynda Sower presented a bill from Ionia Sentinel Standard for \$130, for the year's subscription, and wondered if the board still wanted to receive this daily paper. After much discussion, The Board unanimously decided to **NOT** get this paper.

CORRESPONDENCE CON'T:

Lynda Sower presented a contract from Ionia County Road Commission, regarding a 2014 Brine Agreement. They will only schedule brine applications upon the request of the Supervisor.

26% Mineral Well Brine - \$ 0.1325 per gallon. Otisco Township will pay 100% of actual cost to S&M Liquid Tire Fill, Inc. Ben Oatley moved that we enter into this contract and Jan Breimayer supported. 5-0 passed

Lynda Sower told the Board that they had received a Thank You from the Rebuild Whites Covered Bridge, for our help in displaying the glassware for sale and selling it for them.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Ben Oatley stated they are still working on the Master Plan. The changes to the Ordinances need to be voted on. Paul Reeves read 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). Dan Zeigler moved that we approve the changes to the ordinance and Ben Oatley supported. 5-0 Passed

Paul Reeves read 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) Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the changes to the ordinance and Ben Oatley supported. 5-0 Passed

ROAD COMMITTEE: Paul Reeves stated that he would like to talk to the State Police and the Ionia Road Commission on the speed problems on Button Rd, Flat River Trail, and Miriam Rd. He would like to see about getting the speed lowered to Ingalls Rd.

Lynda Sower brought up a bill that they need to pay to the Ionia County Road Commission, for Long Lake Bridge over Flat River work - \$5,758.00. Lynda Sower moved that the Board pay this bill and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: There was some discussion about taking bids for the spring and summer mowing. Ben Oatley moved that we hire the same person as last year, and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed David Hodges will have the mowing job for his same bid as last year \$9,000.00. David Hodges also suggested that a Weed & Feed application would help the cemeteries and that he would do this at no charge. Paul Reeves stated that he did not feel that Dave should have to do this within his bid.

FRED MEIJER TRAIL: Paul Reeves said that he would like to send emails to both our Senator, Judy Emmons and Representative Lisa Lyons, about the owners of land that cannot get to their property because of the Trail and they cannot cross it with any motor vehicles. The Board agreed that would be fine.

VOUCHER FOR LAND FILL: It is time to renew the vouchers for the citizens of Otisco Township to use for two trips to the land fill. Dan Zeigler moved that we approve the vouchers for another year, and Lynda Sower supported. 5-0 Passed

RECYCLING: The Board unanimously agreed to continue recycling once a month for the Otisco Township Citizens. Fourth Saturday of each month.

OUTSIDE LIGHTING: Paul Reeves stated that a person in our township was willing to donate a light, which would light up the whole parking lot. This person is also looking into getting us a pole at a discount. For the meantime, Paul Reeves is going to find someone to replace the bulb in the light at the east end of the hall.

Paul Reeves requested a motion to close our regular meeting for a Public Hearing on the Budget. Lynda Sower moved that we close the meeting to enter into the Public Hearing and Jan Breimayer supported. 5-0 Passed

PUBLIC HEARING: Paul Reeves read the 2014-2015 Budget for the public, there were no questions or comments. Ben Oatley moved that we close the public hearing and it was supported by Dan Zeigler. 5-0 passed

REOPEN REGULAR MEETING: Lynda Sower moved that we approve the Budget for 2014-2015, and it was supported by Jan Breimayer. 5-0 Passed

RECESS: Paul Reeves called for a recess for the public to look over the six sketches that Laura Staats had presented to the board for their approval, for a Township Flag. There was some discussion and then it was tabled for next month.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:50 PM, Jan Breimayer moved that we adjourn the meeting and Dan Zeigler supported.

Minutes submitted by;

Lynda Sower
Otisco Township Clerk

