

## OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**AUGUST 12, 2014 @ 7:00 PM**

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

The Pledge was recited and a short prayer was given by Supervisor, Paul Reeves.

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

Members Absent: Dan Zeigler

Agenda: Paul Reeves entertained a motion that the agenda be approved. Jan Breimayer moved that we approve the agenda and Ben Oatley seconded. Passed 4-0

Minutes: Jan Breimayer moved that the minutes be approved and Ben Oatley supported. Passed 4-0

Election Minutes: The election committee which consisted of Paul Reeves, Jan Breimayer and Lynda Sower met to approve and appoint election workers. Paul Reeves entertained a motion to approve the election committee minutes. Jan Breimayer moved that the minutes be approved and Lynda Sower supported. Passes 4-0

Monthly Bills: The total amount of the monthly bills for July 2014, were General Fund \$15,068.51 and Road Fund 85,312.51 totaling 100,381.02 Lynda Sower moved that we approve the bills and Jan Briemayer supported. (Roll Call) 4-0 Passed

Public Comment: Laura Staats spoke to us about the Smyrna Celebration on August 9, 2014. Laura thanked everyone on behalf of the Social Club for helping to make the celebration a success.

Correspondence: Paul Reeves received a letter from Main Street Planning stating they joined with Wade Trim and therefore they will be moving their offices.

Close Meeting: Paul Reeves entertained a motion to close the meeting in order to have a Public Hearing regarding a request from Extruded Aluminum to acquire an Industrial Facilities Exemption. Lynda Sower moved to close the meeting and Jan Breimayer supported. Passed 4-0

Public Hearing: Charlie Hall president of Extruded Aluminum spoke.

He explained they are seeking the exemption due to expansion. Charlie Hall said they are requesting a 12 year exemption. Over the next 2 years 6 to 10 jobs are expected to be created. Paul Reeves ask if there were any questions from the public. There were none.

Close Public Hearing: Paul Reeves entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing. Ben Oatley moved and Jan Breimayer supported the Public Hearing be closed.

Resume Board Meeting: Paul Reeves entertained a motion to approve the Industrial Facilities Exemption. This is Resolution 2014-07 regarding increasing the district. Lynda Sower moved to approve the Resolution 2014-07 Jan Breimayer supported. Passed 4-0 Next Paul Reeves entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2014-08 awarding the Tax Exemption Certificate to Extruded Aluminum. Jan Breimayer moved to approved the Resolution 2014-08 and Lynda Sower supported. No Discussion Passed 4-0

Committees:

Planning Commission: Ben Oatley stated that the committee had been working on a sample ordinance regarding public gatherings, permits etc.

ZBA: Dan Zeigler is absent so Paul Reeves updated saying the minutes for the ZBA were approved from previous meeting.

Land Split: Leo Albert has requested a land split on Albert Rd. He would like the 1 acre the residence sits on to be split from the acreage. This split has been approved by Judy Lindberg (assessor) and Eric Griffin (zoning admin). Paul Reeves entertained a motion to approve the land split. Ben Oatley moved and Jan Breimayer supported we approve the land split. Passed 4-0

Road Committee: Due to complaints of congestion on Ingalls Rd and Flat River Trail Paul Reeves ask to have a counter put on the road. On Friday Aug. 8 2014....102 cars passed over the counter in a 24 hour period of time – Sat. Aug. 9.2014.... 199 cars and Sun. Aug.10.2014... 189 cars passed over the counter. Paul Reeves noted he observed 18 cars lined up and parked on the road. Most of the congestion is due to people trying to get to the river for their activities. Paul has asked the Road Commission, the State Police and the DNR for a possible solution. Paul thought possibly no parking on the residents side of the road might help. Jan Breimayer said the corner of Ingalls and

Zahm Rds needed to be repaved where they put in a culvert. People have to come to a stop before getting to the corner because of drop off.

Cemetery Business: Lynda Sower wanted to talk about cemetery business and some problems that have come up. Paul Reeves said he had it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Audit: Larry Teijima our auditor gave his annual report. First Larry wanted to thank officers of the board for providing the information needed to perform the audit. All in all township is in good financial shape. The township has a good fund balance which is a very good thing in case of emergencies.

Unfinished Business:

Fred Meijer Trail: Dana Hodges applied for a crossing permit. He talked to the DNR and has had no response and that was 4 months ago. Dana would like to see the township hold a meeting with the DNR to get this resolved.

Policies & Procedures: Policies and Procedures dealing with the public inspection and copying of public records in the township was put on hold until next months meeting.

Salvage Yard: Rick Thacker has applied for a Salvage Yard License on Ellis Rd. Eric Griffin (zoning admin) checked everything and found everything to be in order to approve. Jan Breimayer moved to approve the license and Lynda Sower supported. Passed 4-0

Zoning Administrator: Paul Reeves read the letter of resignation from Zoning Administrator Eric Griffin dated July 16.2014 stating he would be leaving on July 30.2014. Eric has taken a job in Lansing with the DNR. Paul Reeves will be acting Zone Administrator until Eric is replaced. Options were discussed as to how to find a replacement. Paul commended Eric for leaving all the files in perfect order. Paul Reeves also expressed his wish to accelerate the process and find a new Zoning Administrator soon. Paul Reeves suggested a special meeting.

Mowing Along Roads: Paul Reeves talked to the company who finished up last year and they expressed interest in contracting with us but never called back. Ted McQuire was going to submit a bid also. Paul Reeves is getting lots of complaints as its hard to see around the corners.

Paul will try to attend to this very soon possibly posting a newspaper ad for bids.

New Business:

P.A. 116

Ken Gasper applied for a Farmland Preservation P.A.116 for 113.64 acres – 99.35 acres of cultivation. Paper work is all in order. Paul Reeves entertained a motion to accept the P.A.116 . Lynda Sower moved to accept and Paul Reeves supported. Passed 4-0

Zoning Ordinance:

Paul Reeves went over some wording Jan Breimayer brought to his attention regarding the newly amended Zoning Ordinance. Jan suggested that fences should be added as a requirement around cell towers. Jan also asked about the definition of modular vs. manufactured homes. Do they have a metal undercarriage that mobile homes have? Paul Reeves tried to clarify what was meant and Ben Oatley moved to send it back to the planning commission and Jan Breimayer supported. Passes 4-0

Land Use  
Master Plan:

Paul Reeves stated he has the amended land use plan. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft and it has been all through the planning commission and is here for approval. Jan Breimayer has reviewed it and is questioning some items. One item stated the Ionia County Road Commission was working on the abandonment of a portion of Ingalls Rd. and this has already been closed. Paul Reeves entertained a motion to approve the Land Use Master Plan. Ben Oatly moved to approve and Jan Breimayer supported. Passed 4-0

Public Comment:

Laura Staats mentioned 2 different speed limit signs on Button RD. Paul Reeves said he doesn't know why that is.

Desmond Pike asked if the DNR could possibly expand their parking lot at the river. He said it would take care of the parking on the road. Paul Reeves said he would not like to see that happen due to the the partying that now is taking place in the lot. They would have more room to party if it was expanded.

Next month Sherriff Miller will be at the meeting and maybe he has thoughts on this. Desmond Pike would also like to see the speed limits and stop sign monitored more but does not want police hanging around. There was much discussion about how hard it is to get speed limit signs and stop signs changed or moved in a township as apposed to the city.

Howard Uiterdyke ask about the parking lot lights. Paul Reeves said he had been trying to reach someone about that and will give them one more try and then pursue others.

Sept. Agenda:

Paul stated next month the cemetery issues will be discussed. The policy for inspection and copying public records needs to be addressed as the township needs a policy for the 14 point review.

Adjourn:

Paul Reeves entertained a motion to adjourn. Jan Breimayer moved to adjourn and Ben Oatley supported. Meeting Adjourned @ 9:40 P.M.