

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING (REVISED)**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller.

Roll Call: Joseph Daller, Supervisor; Ben Otley, Trustee; Dan Zeigler, Trustee;  
Lynda Sower, Clerk

Member Absent: Cara Johnson, Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Daller stated that Johnson was not here due to illness, and would like to have Unfinished Business C. tabled until next month. Oatley moved to approve the agenda with the omitting of the Unfinished Business C. and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Approval of Minutes: Daller moved that we approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved

Approval of Bills and Payroll & Transfers: Sower explained that her Deputy had put in hours in October to work on the Master Cards for Elections, and would like to transfer the \$770 paid to Kendra Bailey from Elections in the Budget and not the Clerk Deputy Salary. Daller stated that if in fact that was what the Deputy did in October, he had no problem with taking that amount away from the Elections in the budget and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Accounts Payable	\$18,954.35
Roads	\$10,993.59
Belding Contract	\$10,924.34
Payroll	<u>\$ 7,208.89</u>
TOTAL	\$48,081.08

Communications: Daller reported that he had a conversation with Rod Roy, Eureka Township Supervisor, and they are planning on doing work on Bricker Rd. They are not asking us to help with this, but we could, as residents on the ~~north~~ south side of Bricker are in Otisco Township.

He also reported that Paul Spitzley, from Ionia County Road Commission that a Grant for the Long Lake/Dickerson Creek project.

Daller also stated that the Audit has been completed for the 2016-2017 year.

There was a discussion about the Auditor coming to the December meeting to report to the Board. Sower will ~~conduct~~ contact them to see if this is possible.

Daller has not spoken to the Resident that had a complaint about the Otisco Cemetery a couple of months ago. He has left her messages.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Veenstra reported that there were some deer/car accidents, false alarms, an OWI on Ellis, and drug report on Ingalls Rd. Veenstra will be continuing more training; Aride training, alcohol and drug testing, how to give test to identifying time and eyes of usage. In December he will be working with the schools about active violence and smart 911, getting the schools involved.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported that the committee did a walk through both cemeteries on October 19, 2017. Rick Andersen is working on the Road in the Otisco Cemetery. The new signs are up in both of the cemeteries. After a discussion about the left over dirt in the Otisco Cemetery project, it was decided by the board that the dirt would be left at the Otisco Cemetery for the mowers to use in the cemetery for some grave repair and root covering. Daller will purchase the mailboxes and place them in the cemeteries.

Zoning Administrator: Roger VanderMolen had a report put in the board's packets.

Unfinished Business:

Assessor: Daller reported that he and Johnson were working on a job description for the assessing job, so that Judy Lindberg, Assessor now could sign papers to become an employee of the Township. Next month this will be on the agenda.

Otisco Cemetery Fencing: Daller moved that we move forward will Ron Tobias for the installation of the west side fencing and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Township Sign: There was a discussion about the new sign for the hall. Zeigler stated that he thought we should budget for the monies to do this in the next year's budget. He also stated that he thinks that we should look into doing some much needed maintenance.

New Business:

Cemetery Ordinance Amendment – Section XIV Penalties

Daller reported that Roger VanderMolen, Zoning Administrator, had read the Ordinance and found that the part about penalties was not correct. It stated that the violation of the ordinance would be a civil infraction and shall be subject to a fine up to \$100 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days in jail. A Civil infraction does not have jail time connected to them. Daller moved that it be removed from the Ordinance and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved Sower also had some things in the Ordinance that she would like to see omitted. This will be looked at in next month's meeting

Public Comment: Paul Reeves stated that he would like to see the hall addition talked about again. He also stated that maintenance on the hall should be done.

Veenstra stated he was in agreement, that the Ordinance change is correct.

Sower stated that she wondered what had happened with the Ensign work that had been approved several months. And also about the subject of trying to get someone to clean at the hall.

Zeigler moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Oatley supported.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk