

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
WITH PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET
FEBRUARY 11, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller
Roll Call: Joseph Daller, Cara Johnson, Dan Zeigler, Ben Oatley, Lynda Sower

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Daller had a change to New Business – d. will now be a. and a. will be d.
Oatley moved to approve the agenda with these changes and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Jeff Hunter wondered about the rezoning of properties on west M-44 and
Daller told him we would address this in New Business – Master Plan. Jeff stated that the city
of Belding does not take so long to get things like resolutions done.

Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2020 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Daller
supported. 5-0 approved

January 21, 2020 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Zeigler
supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables and Payroll: Johnson moved to approve the Payables and Payroll and
Sower supported. There was some discussion about the Insurance bill and the Planners bill.
Daller instructed Sower to look into the Planners bill. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$11,089.27
Fire Acct.	\$24,896.90
Sheriff	\$ 3,363.53
Accts Payable	<u>\$14,410.31</u>
TOTAL	\$53,760.01

Communications: Daller reported that he had received the Region 8 Notes. A letter from IM
SAFE CAC, Daller read the letter to the audience, we will address this matter at the next regular
meeting. Daller has purchased a new Flag to fly at the intersection in Smyrna. We need to get
rope and pulleys and also someone with a tall ladder to help with the installation of the Flag.
Johnson received a form from the Regulation and License dept.; this has to do with the liquor
control. She is sending this to Mr. James Dozeman, our attorney, to look at this.

Guest: Paul Spitzley & Bud White – ICRC: Paul stated that they are making some changes on
the way they are doing things now. We will no longer have agreements every year for Gradall
or Brine. There will be an agreement for Gravel and we can choose where the gravel comes
from and cost. They have been very happy with limestone project that was done this past year.

They wanted to know how the citizens were responding to it. If there are any problems with water or dust we are to report it to them and they will take a look at it to see if there is something that can be done to improve the problem. The Long Lake Bridge project is going as planned. Bud told the Board that they were having some problem on Fish Rd. with beavers, but are working on that. Next month the board will discuss more about the Grading, Gravel, and Brine.

Reports:

Assessor: The board received a report from the Assessor, Sally Frain for the month of January.

Cemetery: Laura Staats reported that the next meeting will be March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. They had received a bid from Rick Anderson for the new parking lot at Smyrna, which will be approximately 60'x110' and will hold 22 cars. She wanted to know if she should contact Rick about this project. Daller stated that she should do this.

Planning Commission: Johnson did not attend the meeting. Roger Vandermolen stated that much of what they did at the meeting would be addressed later in the meeting.

Zoning Administrator: Roger stated that he would not be here for the March meeting.

Unfinished Business: 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Wages and Fees

Meeting was stopped at this time, 7:50 p.m. for the public hearing of wages and fees.

Sower read the Public Hearing Notice from the weekender. Daller then proceeded to read each resolution to the audience, resolution 2020-01- 2020-05.

2020-01 Supervisor wages -	\$16,000	same
2020-02 Clerk wages	\$16,777	raised
2020-03 Treasurer wages	\$16,777	raised
2020-04 Trustee wages	\$ 3,570	same
2020-05 Wages for committee		no raises
fees		some fees raised

After the reading he opened it up for public comment. Kristie Warner-Wells wanted to know why the raise in some of the fees. Daller explained that the only ones that were raised somewhat higher, were because a special meeting would have to be done – and the extra money would pay for all the committee members and expense would be paid by the person that ask for the meeting.

The Public hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

Regular meeting resumed. Daller read each resolution to get the voting done.

2020-01 moved by Daller and supported by Johnson – roll call vote 5-0 approved

2020-02 moved by Daller and supported by Johnson – roll call vote 5-0 approved

2020-03 moved by Daller and supported by Johnson – roll call vote 5-0 approved

2020-04 moved by Daller and supported by Johnson – roll call vote 5-0 approved
2020-05 moved by Daller and supported by Johnson – roll call vote 5-0 approved

New Business:

Proposed Amendment – Otisco Township Master Plan- Brain Werschem from Fresh Coast Planning was at the meeting to explain about the amendment and the Master Plan. The Planning Commission has worked hard to present the Master Plan for the next five years. They have made some changes to some zoning issues, which the board had ask for. In Transportation there is a change about the new surface on the trail, an addition in 2019. There is a 63 day period in which the Plan can be looked over and see if there are any things that should be added or deleted from the plan. There are some agencies that need to be notified. There will be a Public Hearing after this time. The Otisco Township Board has the final say on the Master Plan. Johnson moved to approve the Zoning Administrator, Roger Vandermolen, to distribute the Master Plan.

Resolution #20-06, Casair Metro Act permit: This permit should have been done at an earlier date, but the company did not know that they had to have a permit. Some of the work has been done before this time. Daller moved to approve resolution 20-06 as written and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Lowell Classic Gravel Road Race: This race will be April 4, 2020 and they will be in our township for a short distance. This race has been running for several years and they are good about the cleanup after the race and the safety of those participating. Johnson moved to approve this race and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Renewal – Simon Salvage Yard : Daller moved to approve the renewal and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Proposed Ordinance Amendment – 1.438 Parking & Loading Spaces: There was some discussion about this matter, and then Daller moved that we approve this as presented and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Proposed Ordinance Amendment – 1.439 Animals, Livestock and Fowl (Use, Shelter and Storage): Daller moved that we approve this as presented and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Laura Staats wanted to know if the board had adopted a mission statement. Kristie Warner-Wells asks about the rezoning of the Industrial property that has homes on it. It was explained that the new master plan should take care of that. Also, she wondered if it would be individuals coming to get paperwork for their property or it would be a whole piece of property where these homes exist. Daller stated that he believes it should be up to the individuals, because maybe one of the owners might want to have their property as industrial.

Tim Lubitz introduced himself as the new Fire Chief of the Belding Fire Dept. He wanted to know when the next newsletter was going to be sent out, as he would like to get a message out to the residents. On May 16, 2020 from 8a.m. to noon they will be having a hazardous waste drop-off at the area of the old Belding Hospital. He stated that the fire dept. has been looking for a UTV that can be used for rescuing people and getting to fires on the trail. The Otisco Township Board had told the City of Belding that we would go about half on such a venture last year at budget time, but it would only be through the fiscal budget year which is ending on March 31, 2020. Tim has found a used unit that he would like to buy and add all of the things to it that they would need. The board will give the City of Belding a check for \$15,700, which was OK'd last year. Daller stated that Tim should get a letter to the township Clerk and then he will be getting a check from the Township.

Discussion about upcoming meetings:

Board Comments: Johnson stated that after Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 she does not want people in the office to accept taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk