

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Roll Call: Dan Zeigler, Trustee; Ben Oatley, Trustee; Joseph Daller, Supervisor;
Lynda Sower, Clerk. ABSENT: Cara Johnson, Treasurer.

Short Prayer by David Hodges, County Commissioner.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Next month the snow plowing bid will be addressed. Zeigler moved to approve the agenda as presented and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes: Daller stated that Vandermolen had been misspelled. Daller moved to approve the minutes with the correction and Sower support. 4-0 approved

Approval of Payables and Payroll: Daller moved to approve the bills and Sower supported. 4-0 approved

Accts' Payable	\$ 8,958.79
Roads	\$10,715.16
Sheriff	\$ 6,860.52
Payroll	<u>\$ 9,630.54</u>
TOTAL	\$36,165.01

Communications: Daller reported that Ron Peterson had come to see him about the trees that are getting cut down on Ranney Rd. Peterson believes that they should be given a fair market price for them. Daller explained that this was on Bricker & Ranney, and that Montcalm County maintains Bricker Rd. There was some discussion, but the board was in the agreement that no one normally gets anything for trees that the road commissions cut down. Daily News emailed Daller about the upcoming Millage vote and wanted info for the paper.

Guest: Matt Holland; Auditor: Matt explained that he had come to the Township Hall and Cara had left her stuff out, but was not in attendance for the audit. He worked with Lynda for the day. He gave the township a good report on their financing and such. Paper work needs to be signed by the Supervisor and Clerk and returned to them.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Daller was contacted by the deputy that he would not be making the meeting. He will get a report to Sower.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they have been working hard on the budget. They were notified that there would be a 1.2 million cut in revenues this year and that equaled 50 people to be let go. They have been having special meetings and came up with a plan that only had to let 5 people go. The Road Department have all of the projects done for this year. The 2021 Budget is now on the books. They will conduct monthly meetings to keep track of the budget. They are still looking for a new Administrator for the Road Department.

Planning Commission: Roger Vandermolen reported that they had 2 public hearings on Wed. night – Rezoning and Wind Energy. They also talked about rules for the playground; large storage containers; and about what is Ag. Property. There was an hour and a half meeting.

Zoning Administrator: Reports were in all the boards' folders. Vandermolen reported that he had court dates lined up for the burnt trailer on Button Rd. Daller requested that Vandermolen contact our attorney and find out what rights the township has to give the person a length of time to clean things up. Daller requested that he would like a written response from the attorney.

Unfinished Business:

Cemetery Ordinance Amendment: Daller read part of the cemetery committees meeting minutes, which they are looking into some other things that need to be researched and discussed before that final Ordinance is finished.

Existing Building: put on hold until next month.

Otisco Township Expansion: put on hold until next month.

Township Hall/Pavilion Parking Lots. Vandermolen presented a bid from Rick Anderson for work on parking lots. The board members final reached a decision that they thought the first bid for the Pavilion should be done as soon as possible. It will be gravel at this time. The board also discussed the addition to the Hall parking lot. At this time they see no reason that this needs to be done. Zeigler moved that we take the first bid of \$2,760 for the pavilion parking lot and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved

New Business:

Land Division- Albert, Leo: Daller moved to approve the land division application as submitted from Albert's and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Land Division-Marhofer, Tim: Marhofer wants two acers where the home is divided from other property. Daller moved that the land division application be approved as submitted and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved

Rezoning: This is part of the five year master plan; rezone parcels as the people on M-44 in the Industrial Area want to rezone to RC property. The Planning Commission accepted all the ones that were presented at their meeting; ten parcels. The board decided to do it all in one group and vote on it. Daller moved that we accept the ten parcels and make them RC property. There was a roll call vote. Zeigler-Yes; Oatley-Yes; Sower-Yes; Daller-Yes. 4-0 approved

Wind Alternative Energy: This is also part of the five year plan; this ordinance came from the Attorney and the Planner was also involved in this decision. The Wind Energy will only be allowed on Rural Conservation Areas. There was a Public Hearing on last Wed. and the Planning Commission passed the Ordinance. Zeigler and Oatley wanted to know why this was approved for ONLY those areas. There was more discussion about other rules for this Ordinance. Daller moved that we accept this Wind Alternate Energy Ordinance. Roll Call Vote; Zeigler-Yes; Oatley-Yes; Sower-Yes; Daller-Yes Approved 4-0

Public Comment: The Belding Fire Chief, Tim Lubitz wanted to know where the Albert Land Division was located.

Kristie Warner-Wall ask when the rezoning would be in effect. The Zoning Administrator will send notices to the ten land owners.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:


Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk