

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order and a short prayer was given by Supervisor, Desmond Pike.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Supervisor, Desmond Pike; Treasurer, Paula Byrnes; Clerk, Lynda Sower; Trustee, Joe Borek; Trustee, John Feuerstein.

Approval of Agenda: Pike called for a motion to change item number IV to Approval of Minutes for Nov. 10, 2020. Sower moved to approve the agenda with the addition and Byrnes supported. Approved 5-0

New Board Members Introduction: Pike introduced himself and stated that he did not like Zoning Ordinances and he could see where some should be changed. His example was, when a person fixes up their home by getting a new roof or windows that they should be rewarded by getting cut on their property taxes. Maybe 3.5% reduction in their taxes. This would encourage people to do the improvements that are needed.

Sower introduced herself and stated that she will still be offering the people assistance whenever possible.

Byrnes introduced herself and stated that she had been the deputy treasurer for nine years, before running for the office. She will be in the office evenings on Wed. and Thurs. to collect taxes and accommodate people. She would like to have an audit on the tax account as soon as possible.

Borek introduced himself and stated that he would try and do what he could for the citizens.

Feuerstein introduced himself and stated that he had worked in Keene Township on the ZBA and other committees. He would like to see the township run smoothly.

Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2020- Borek moved to approve the minutes and Feuerstein supported. Approved 5-0

Approval of Payables and Payroll: Well by pavilion was looked at by Pike and Borek. This will be moved to next month's meeting.

Borek moved that we approve the payables and payroll as presented and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 5,750.71
Roads	\$ 7,204.37
Acct. Payable	<u>\$10,217.12</u>
TOTALS	\$23,172.30

Communications: Sower handed out the Certificates that the county sent to her for each board member, as they won the election in November and are now the New Board.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Tobar had a sheet of all the things that he had done this past month. Fraud- Missing Person – Assault – Vin Inspection – Suspicious Situation – Larceny Accident – Civil Matter and more. He was very busy this past month.

Assessor: Each board member had a report in their folders.

Planning Commission: They had a public hearing but the permits were not in order, so there will be a continuance next month. They discussed the shipping containers – and tabled this topic for next month.

ZBA: Feuerstein will be sworn in to serve as the township representative on the ZBA committee.

Zoning Administrator: The board received a report in their folders.

Unfinished Business:

Electrical outlet on corner: Pike reported that he has talked with Jeff from Consumers & Darin Ensign about getting him to do the work that consumers will not do. It was decided that a light needs to be on the flag at the corner, and could be solar or hooked up with the meter when consumers does that. The electric is going to have to be on a pedestal. Feuerstein moved that we hookup the light for the flag to work off the electric and not solar and Borek supported. Approved 5-0 Roll Call vote: Feuerstein-yes; Borek-yes; Byrnes-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes

Election Budget: Sower reported that they needed to amend the budget and transfer some funds to the Election – Governmental dept. The need for added money has to do with covid and all the absentee ballots which we usually have around 150 and we had 600 for the November election. More people were needed to do the work at the elections and beforehand. There were more supplies to be purchased, such as hand sanitizer, mask, shields, pens, and wipes to name a few. Sower purposed to transfer money from line item 101-000-955.000 (miscellaneous expenditure) to items 101-191-702.000(salary and wages) & 101-191-860.000(equipment and supplies). Borek moved that there would be \$4,000 moved from mis. expenditure to salary and equipment and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

New Business:

TV for Hall: Pike stated that someone ask him about a TV for the hall, so people could look at all the materials that the board has at the meetings. There was a discussion, at this time the board is not interested in doing this.

Financial Audit: Pike stated that we want to have a financial audit to make sure everything is alright for the start of the new board.

Approval of Township Meetings Dates for 2021: Sower moved that we approve the dates that were given to us, for the second Tuesday of each month, and Byrnes supported. 5-0 approved

Board Appointments: Planning Commission Mark Malone stepped down so that Dick Ostrander could stay on the committee, as they both do not live in the township, but we can have one member that is not a resident on there. Borek will be the representative for the board. Darwin Hassert has also committed to go on this committee, he will serve until January 29, 2023. Sower moved to approve Hassert for this committee and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Zoning Board of Appeals: Joe Tarkowski will be representing the PC on this committee and Jim Tarkowski will be an alternate for the committee. Sower moved to approve both of these gentlemen on the committee and Byrnes supported. 5-0 approved

Board of Review: Sower moved and Borek supported that Dan Zeigler will serve on this committee to replace Frank Mason who resigned and will serve out his term until January 20, 2021. 4-0 approved John Feuerstein was the only no vote.

Ground Maintenance Contract: There was a discussion about how the board would like the wording to be in the Ground Maintenance contract. Tabled until next meeting.

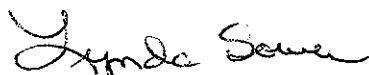
Supervisor Vote: Pike stated that some people in the township do not believe that he can vote on any issue unless there is a tie, than he would be the tie breaker. (per Robert's Rules) Sower moved that the Supervisor should vote on all issues as he has been elected by the public, to help make decisions for the township and Borek support. 5-0 approved

Mercantile Bank Resolution: This resolution is for the bank and includes the names of the people that can do township banking – Kendra Bailey, Lynda Sower, Angie Bannister, and Paula Byrnes. Sower moved that we approve this resolution and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Howard Uiterdyk wanted to know if Desmond was going to let people make comment during the meeting or if they have to wait until the public comment at the end of the meeting. Pike answered with, He believes that we want to hear from the citizens about which directions they would like to see the board take on issues.

Adjourn: Borek moved that we adjourn at 8:45 p.m. and Feuerstein supported.

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower

Otisco Township Clerk