

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021@7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike.

Roll Call: Johns Feuerstein, trustee; Joe Borek, trustee; Paula Byrne, treasurer
Lynda Sower, clerk; Desmond Pike, Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
A short Prayer was given by Pike.

Approval of Agenda: Byrne moved to approve the agenda as written and Borek supported.
5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2021 – Borek approve the minutes and Byrne supported.
5-0 approved

Approval of Payables and Payroll: Sower moved to approve the bills and payroll and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Acct. Payable	\$ 12, 292.83
Fire Acct.	\$ 11,358.00
Sheriff	\$ 3,498.73
Payroll	<u>\$ 10,471.40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 37,620.96

Pike reported that he had talked to the Lawyer about the Forensic Audit. There was talk about Byrne continuing to look into the paper work for the last four years. The lawyer thought that we should set October 1st. as a starting date. David Hodges stated that the County Commissioners just had a forensic audit on the Road Commission and would see what they paid for that audit and let us know. This will be on the agenda next month.

Reports:

Township Deputy; Deputy Tefft reported that there had been forty complaints. There was one burglar call. Tefft advised everyone to keep their doors locked and lock up cars that are outside.

Assessor: The board members had received a copy of the report before the meeting.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported that the next meeting would be Oct 5, at 7:00 p.m. and listed things that they would talk about at that time.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a short meeting today. There were some budget adjustments made. The corner at M-21 & Hawley Hwy was going to become a 4-way stop, per MDOT. The committee for the Pitsch Landfill expansion is all set, from our area, it is John Feuerstein, George Chickering, & Lynn Mason. Pitsch would like to get some amendments added to the contract.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that they approved a special land use for a house on Ostrum Rd. He also stated that they talked about Extruded Alum. and their expansion.

ZBA: No meeting - Pike did make comment about the Smyrna Bar – and that they had six inches leeway.

Zoning Administrator: The board received the report before the meeting. Roger Vandermolen did an inspection at Thacker Salvage on Ellis Rd. for a renewal of their license. Borek moved that the license be renewed and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Unfinished Business:

Robert Rose reported on the Snow drain resolution: Robert reported to everyone about the work that was done by the Ionia County Drain Dept. on snow drain on Hawley Hwy and Palmer Rd.; tile repair to stop flooding on Hopkins Farm. The expense is going to be put on taxes over the next five years.

Sign Upgrade – Byrne reported that we will not be able to exchange our sign out front for something newer. She has contacted another sign company to get a quote from them.

Computers: The board voted on what to do with the old computers. Borek moved that we have Addorio wipe the computers clean and recycle them and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved. The board will keep one of the computers to be used to put Township information on it.

New Business:

Side walk: Pike presented the board with two bids for the new sidewalk in front of the hall. Andrews –Greenville \$2,795.00 and Parker/Grover – Ionia \$3,200.00
Feuerstein moved that we contract Andrews to do the sidewalk and Borek supported.
5-0 approved

TV for Hall: There was discussion about how the TV would be used; meetings and training. Sower brought up the fact that the person that would be running it would have to be trained and we would have to get someone to program it for us. Sower moved that they not do anything about the TV at this time and until we get all the information we should not be discussing it any further. There was no support for the motion. Motion dies. Sower than told the board that everything they have done in the past months has been all backwards. You make motions and vote without any information.

Landfill expansion: There are three people from our area on the committee to work with the County Commissioners.

Public Comment: Maryanne Reeves suggested that they look into placing a light at the corner of Whites Bridge Rd. and Gold Lake Rd.

Don Hopkins ask about the roads and the recommendations of the Ionia County Rd, Dept. and he feels that the board should look at these and not make our own decisions on those matters. Like the Gravel this year.

Pike stated that the roads had just been graded and brined this past week.

Robert Rose stated that he has been working with Extruded Alum. on their addition.

Jeff Hunter asked about the Thomas Business on Storey Rd. and the fencing that was supposed to be put in around the property. Pike stated that they are working on it.

Pike stated that Roger Vandermolen would be retiring on August 26, 2021.

Borek wanted to know what the township had to do to condemn the octagon house on Whites Bridge Rd.

Jeff Hunter asked Pike what has happened about the Zoning and trying to get rid of it, that is what you said when you were running for your position.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike
Members Present: Desmond Pike, supervisor; John Feuerstein, trustee;
Joe Borek, trustee; Paula Bryne, Treasurer; Lynda Sower, Clerk

Ethan Walthorn had put in an application for the job of Otisco Township Zoning Administrator, and was interviewed by the board members. There were questions from the board about his hours, pay, why he would like to do this job. Feuerstein wanted to know his thoughts on Zoning and he stated that if you own your property, I guess it is yours.

Ethan left the meeting and the board talked about what our thoughts were. Byrne thought that we should have had more people to chose from. Sower wondered if he was going to be able to handle the position when some resident comes in upset and angry. Pike feels that he will do just fine. Feuerstein moved to offer him the job and Borek supported. 3-2 approved Byrne and Sower were the two no votes.

There was discussion on how much to offer him to start out with. Byrne moved to offer him \$16,000 yearly and Borek supported. 4-1 approved Pike voted yes than voted no and Sower did not vote. Pike stated that he would like to have offered him \$18,000.

At one point the board got off track and started talking about something that was not on the agenda.

Ethan was asked to join us and he was given the offer and he accepted the job at the pay that was offered. The contract was signed by him and board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk

OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD- REGULAR SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

September14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to order/ Roll call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/ opening invocation
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes –August 10,2021
- V. Approval of Payables, Payroll and Transfers (if applicable)
- VI. Reports
 - a. Township deputy
 - b. Assessor
 - c. Cemetery Committee
 - d. County Commissioner
 - e. Planning Commission
 - f. ZBA
 - g. Zoning Administrator
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Ionia County Economic Alliance (want money)
 - b. Sign upgrade (more money)
 - ~~c. computers (the bill)~~
- VIII. New business
 - a. Side walk schedeuled sept. 21
 - b. Revise wants to redo web site
 - c. Landfill Expansion township preemted by county mcl. 24.11538
 - d. Quick books installion
 - e. Cutting and trimming trees on road right away.
- IX. Public comment
- X. Adjournment