

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike
 Roll Call: John Feuerstein, Trustee; Joe Borek, Trustee; Paula Bryne, Treasurer;
 Desmond Pike, Supervisor
 Absent: Lynda Sower; Clerk
 Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A short prayer was given by Pike.
 Supervisor ask for someone to act as Clerk for the night. Byrne volunteered.

Approval of Agenda: Borek stated that the approval of the minutes for meeting needs to be changed to September 14, 2021. Borek also stated that he wanted snow plowing under new business e, and TV f. Pike added a public comment after approval of minutes. Feuerstein moved to approve the agenda with changes and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

Public Comment: Gentleman asking about Flat River Trail and a home that has a lot of campers and people living in a barn there. Pike stated that this was up to the Sheriff & State Police. Pike stated that Ethan has been in contact with the State Police.

Approval of Payables and Payroll:

Pike stated that he needed to go back to Approval of Minutes.

Approval on Minutes:

Pike stated the electric on the corner- Ensign has gotten the light at the corner. Then Pike went to sidewalk. Pike stated that he did not get the right quote on the sidewalk in front of the hall. Both contractors quoted a price leaving the last two east slabs, because they didn't look too bad. Pike stated that he forgot that we were supposed to do the whole front walk.

Pike asked if anyone had any corrections on these minutes. Borek moved to approve the minutes of Sept. 14, 2021 and Byrne supported. 4-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Pike stated that he would do Vergennes first, he hit his buddie Tim up for what they received for their money accountings. Pike stated this is just for us to look at. Borek moved to approve the bills and Byrne supported. 4-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 9,166.94		
Acct. Payable	\$16,496.16	Roads	\$64,840.45
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,498.73</u>		
TOTAL	\$94,002.28		

Reports:

Assessor: All board members have a report in their folders.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats stated that we had a meeting on October 5, 2021. We discussed several things, and decided that trying to get a company in the cemeteries to locate where there are already burials. Pike did not hear back from the people that he talked to. October 18, 2021 there will be a walk-through of the cemeteries.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a meeting and talked about the budget for 2022. Because of covid money there seems to be more than they anticipated. The Budget did get passed. They have all of their courts in one building which makes it safer. The employees were given raises. There will be a meeting about the landfill soon.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that they had a Public Hearing about a venue.

ZBA: Feuerstein reported there was a man that needed a variance to build a garage by his house, and also build a pole barn. *ZBA -> Granted*

Zoning Administrator: Ethan Walthorn, Zoning Administrator gave a brief explanation of his report.

New Business:

Township of Otisco annual financial report: Matt Holland, our auditor, reported that on our standards we were good and got an approval from the audit. The Township could survive for the next three years with our monies. Everything looks pretty good to the auditor.

Maclaren Land Split: Ethan Walthorn told the board that Ron Maclaren is helping his mother with the paper work to adjust the property lines. Borek moved to approve the lot line adjustments and the split and Feuerstein supported. 4-0 approved

Coulter Land Split: Ethan Walthorn reported to the board that Coulter was splitting his property. Feuerstein moved to approve the split and Byrne supported. 4-0 approved

Kore hi com computer security: Pike stated that this is protection from hackers and everything else. They can set it up to stop foreign countries from getting into our computers and we can also work from home with this service. The cost would be \$1920 to set it up and each year we would pay \$270. Pike reported that our IT dept. suggested that we have it and a lot of townships already have it. Feuerstein noticed that the quote was dated for April and were good for thirty days and we did not act on it soon enough. Pike stated that he had it on his desk and didn't know what to do with it. Feuerstein moved that this be tabled until next month and Byrne supported. 4-0 tabled

Snow Plowing:

TV: Borek stated that he thought it would be a good idea. It would save money on paper that gets wasted each month. It would be good for training. Pike and Borek are going to go and get prices for ID and TV. They will bring it back to the board.

Snow Plowing: Pike asked for a motion to approve the Borek Snow Plowing Bid. Jeff Hunter stated that anybody on the board should not be hired to do work for the township. Pike will talk to our attorney about this matter.

Side Walk: Pike stated that he told the people that he screwed up and he stands by it.

Landfill Expansion township preempted by the county- mcl.24.11438 Landfill: The township does not have any say in the landfill expansion but the county does. So everyone should let the county know what they think about this matter.

Cutting and trimming trees on road right away: Pike has been looking into what we have spent of the 2 MILs that the voters gave us for roads and it needs to be spent on roads. The county does not have the people to do this, but they will hire tree companies to do the work. The county will mark the trees to be cut down and some to be trimmed. After that we can get the ditches in and crown the roads and hopefully we improve the roads.

Public comment: Maryanne wants to have the octagon house on Whites Bridge have to put up a fence.

Coyote Trail – a man was asking what the township was doing about the paving of the trail.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Submitted from recorder:



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk