

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2022 @ 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 Bryne, Treasurer
Lynda Sower, Clerk; Desmond Pike, Supervisor

A short prayer was given by the Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Pike stated that there were some addition for the agenda; Pivot Point for Assessor, Local Proposal Petition, Land Split. Feuerstein wanted to delete transfers from the agenda. Feuerstein moved to approve the agenda with the changes and Bryne supported 5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes: Feb. 24, Budget Meeting – Feuerstein moved to approve the minutes and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Feb. 15, Budget Meeting – Borek moved to approve the minutes and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Feb. 8, Regular Meeting – Bryne moved to approved the minutes and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Bills & Payroll: Feuerstein ask about the Insurance in two different places on the Accounts Payable and what they were for. Sower stated that one was for the building and equipment and etc. and the other was if anyone got hurt on the properties, it is a rider on the first insurance. Borek moved to approve the bills and payables and Bryne supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll:	\$ 9,880.42
Acct. Payable	\$21,911.48
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,498.73</u>
TOTAL	\$35,290.63

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Tefft stated that there were four criminal cases and traffic stops. He also told us that the staff at the Sheriff Dept. was working shorthanded and they needed four more officers. Pike stated that he knew that they were trying to make up time to the township per our contract, but it would be other officers sometimes filling in for our township.

Assessor: All board members had a report from Sally Frain, Assessor, for the month of February. Pike stated Board of Review was going to be seeing people on next Monday-3-9 p.m. And Wednesday-9:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.

County Commissioner: David Hodges was at the meeting and wanted to know if anyone had questions about the happening at the Road Dept. this past month. He explained some of the detail about this: An employee was let go by two upper managers. The employee thought it was done unfairly and appealed the matter. The managers resigned and they have appointed a retired man from Ionia to be the Interim.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that they have two public hearings for home base businesses, but one of them did not get approved.

ZBA: Feuerstein stated that they had a Special Meeting for Greg Brown.

Zoning Administrator: Pike reported that the trailer on 6 Mile had been removed, the Octagon house has an extension until June –a judge will make a ruling, letter from the Zoning Administrator resigning his position March 31.

Unfinished Business

Coyote Trail: Pike would like to turn this matter over to the Attorney. Feuerstein thought the Attorney should have a meeting at the hall with Rick Anderson with two board members present; Feuerstein and Byrne will attend this meeting.

Dump Update: The next meeting will be April 26 at 1:00 at the Pitsch Landfill with a tour of the operations.

The regular meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. to have the Public Hearing for the Budget.

Public Hearing opened at 8:05p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 8:16 p.m. -- Regular meeting opened at 8:17 p.m.

Byrne moved to approve the budget and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

New Business:

Pivot Point iPad: The Assessor, Sally Frain, wanted to get her own iPad to use with the Pivot Program. After a discussion of the board, the decision was made for the Township to pay for the iPad and it would be our property. Feuerstein moved that the board purchase the iPad and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Local Proposal Petition: The Clerk had received the Petition from Torin Gunther. She turned it over to the Attorney and he told her to respond to Torin , which she did. Sower gave all board member a copy of the petition.

Greg Brown-Land Split: Pike ask Greg if he wanted to get half of the \$790 that he paid for a Special ZBA Meeting or all of it. Mr. Brown stated that he wanted to get it all and thought it was the fault of the Zoning Administrator that he did not attend the Board Meeting in February. Sower stated that the \$790 was for the meeting that he had requested the township to have and that the township had to put an ad in the paper and pay the committee their wages for attending this meeting and if he had waited a week or two they would not have had the meeting without the payment from him. Mr. Brown still thought he should get it all. Pike ask the board for a motion to give half of the money back to him. There was no responses from the board. No responses- No money.

Extended Public Comment: Laura Staats reminded the people that Smyrna's Saint Patricks' Day Supper would be Saturday, March 12, 4:00 – 7:00p.m.

Howard Uiterdyk ask about the fence & berm at Thomas' business. He also ask about the Center St. home on M-44, and the Event Barn on M-44.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower, Otisco Township Clerk