

## OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING CORRECTED

May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Otisco Township Hall

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike

Roll Call: John Feuerstein, Trustee; Joe Boreck, Trustee; Paula Byrne, Treasurer;  
Lynda Sower, Clerk; Desmond Pike, Supervisor.

A short Prayer was given by Pike.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Sower moved to approve the Agenda and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Minutes – April 12, 2022 – Bryne ask to have the part about the treasures hours to be stricken from the minutes, this was not stated at the last meeting. Feuerstein moved to approve the minutes with the correction and Bryne supported. 4-0 approved Sower was not in attendance of this meeting.

Approval of Payroll and Payables: There were no transfers. Bryne moved to approve these bills and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Accts. Payable	\$ 14,197.34
Fire	\$ 11,289.00
Sheriff	\$ 3,498.73
Payroll	<u>\$ 9,095.33</u>
	\$ 37,998.56

Communications: Pike stated that we had paid the second quarter of Life EMS.

Pike stated that the road side mowing had been placed in the paper.

He stated that the county was working on the roadsides tree trimming and removal was in the works.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Tefft reported that they had 26 calls for service. There were four accidents, and reports about catalytic converters being stolen.

Assessor: There was a report in each board members folders.

**New Business:**

**Security:** There was talk about having cameras for the hall and playground. We need to get some quotes. Find a couple of companies to get the quotes from. Borek moved that we get the quotes and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

**Drop/Boxes for Communication & Payments:** Pike stated that Bryne had looked into the boxes and they were costly. After discussing this they decided to talk to the security companies about this too. Borek stated that he thought that the Clerk and Treasurer should be the only two to have keys to these boxes. Sower stated that she trusted her deputy and there would be no need to not have her have a key. From the Audience Cara Johnson stated that the deputies were supposed to take over for the two positions in their absences and would need access to everything that the officials have to do.

**Special Meeting to discuss hall expansion possibilities:** Sower wanted to know if they had thought about getting professionals to talk with about what would be best for the township. The use of the present hall or an addition, they are more capable than the people just putting all the ideas together. Feuerstein moved that we hire the people to help the board with this matter and Borek supported.

5-0 approved

**Playground Woodchips:** There was discussion about the woodchips for the playground. It was finally decided to get ahold of the company that put in the playground to come and do this for us. Borek moved to ask them to get the woodchip here for us and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

**Audit:** Borek stated he thought we should look for someone else to do our audit this year and Bryne agreed. There was some discussion about this. Bryne stated that the auditor had told her she could leave \$10,000 in the tax account. This seemed like a lot to have in an account that has money in and money out all year. Bryne stated that in 2017, 2018, and 2019 there was money sitting in the tax account. Borek moved that we look for a new auditor and Bryne supported. The board then started talking about a Forensic Audit this year. Pike stated that the Forensic Audit would cost around \$16,000. Then Feuerstein moved to amend the first motion and stated that we have a Forensic Audit along with a yearly audit, and Borek supported. 3-2 approved - no votes were Sower and Bryne -- Pike, Borek, & Feuerstein were yes votes.

**General Appropriation Act:** Pike had samples to show the board from two other townships, Eaton & Lee Townships. Sower asked Pike if he had looked at the one that was done a few years ago. She had forgot about it but was reminded by one of the past board members that we did have that. Sower gave Pike a copy of the one that she had found. Pike stated that we would be doing this next year and held up the papers.

**Public Comment:** Cara Johnson asked how the board was going to pay for all the things that have been passed and are not budgeted for. Pike stated that we will use the contingency fund.

Ross Gregory was explaining again about the Coyote Trl. and the time line when the third house was built. He stated that it was in 2017 and that board did not do

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported that they had a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, those in attendance: Pike, Maryann Reeves, Laura, and Patrick from the lawn care. They are in need of some general maintenance; tree trimming and removal of trees. The dumpsters need to be emptied. They would like an ad in the paper for tree trimming and tree removal, with a separate bill for each of the cemeteries. There are stones with no foundations, Patrick will give us an estimate. At Otisco Cemetery they are still thinking about contacting the owner of the property north of the cemetery and asking about purchasing property for the future. Patrick has gotten the cleaner that the committee had bought a few years ago. They would like to have an ad in the paper for someone to bid on fixing and straightening markers. Borek moved to run the ad for straightening the stones and Bryne supported. 5-0 approved

County Commissioner: David Hodges stated that they were looking into BlueCross-BlueShield for the inmates.

They are taking bids for repair work on I-96  
Security for the offices in the courthouse  
Hire county administrator  
Ionia County received \$12 million dollars from ARAPA – They have about one million left.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that they had approved the Mercantile Bank plans for a new bank.

Zoning Administrator: Larry Mercer reported that he had 5 more zoning compliance permits, and 5 complaints from citizens.

There is a court date for June 1 for the Octagon House on Whites Bridge Rd. The chicken Ordinance will stay as written.

Ross Gregory ask if the Health Dept. had been called about that home.

Unfinished Business:

Gravel Proposal: The board had a copy from the Road dept. for the gravel for the upcoming year.

Price of Gravel - \$11.51 per yard. - 6,500 yards - Total \$74,815

Borek moved to approve this and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved.

Dump Update: Feuerstein reported that they had gone on a tour of the dump last month. The next meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Recycling Questions and Answers: Gib Brown reported that they have had a lot of people coming to the recycling. Feuerstein ask how many people come to the recycling. Gib answered that there are probably at least 50 families that utilize the recycling each month. He stated that they use Howard's 16' trailer for plastic and glass and etc. and Gib had a trailer with the metal and aluminum and his truck back holds the cardboard. Cara Johnson ask why anyone was looking at the large dumpsters to be brought to the township hall, when the system does a good job.

anything about getting this done properly. Johnson stated that the board did not know about agreement when they were on the board, and when it did come up were told that Paul had told the Andersons not to worry about it.

Howard Uiterdyk wanted to know why some things were struck from last month minutes were being taken out. Bryne Stated that there was nothing mentioned about the treasurer extending hours for tax collection. Uiterdyk said "There must have been a reason why it was in there from the notes taken at the meeting."

Final Board Comments: Pike stated that he is taking the recall as a vote of confidence. Either the people want me here or they don't.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk