

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING (corrected)**

**JANUARY 10, 2023 @ 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  
Lynda Sower, Clerk; Desmond Pike, Supervisor

A short Prayer was given by Pike.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Additions: debit card, newspaper notice for bids, maintains grounds  
Borek moved to approve the agenda with additions and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Need to discuss the following: roadside mowing –cemetery –hall-snow  
removal-recycling.

Approval of Dec. 2022 minutes: Sower stated that she had just received the minutes at the  
meeting and had no time to look at them. She did notice that the unmarked graves wear not  
quoted accurately. Feuerstein moved to approve them with the correction, and Bryne  
supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Bryne moved to approve the bills & payroll and Borek  
supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll:	\$ 9,882.41
Acct's Payable	\$ 5,943.56
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,538.07</u>
	\$19,364.04

Communications:

Pike reported that there is a Workshop, January 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. to discuss Solar Wind,  
everyone is welcome to come.

Reports:

Assessor: Each board member received a report in their folders. There was a resolution for the  
Board to address: Poverty and Hardship paperwork. Feuerstein moved to approve the 2023  
resolution and Sower supported. Roll Call Vote: all yes' 5-0 approved

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported that she had found a map on the website that  
shows that in the Otisco Cemetery, that our fence on the north side is short 20 feet. We  
probably own the added footage to our cemetery. It was suggested that we have a survey done  
to find out for sure. Staats also had a resolution for the board to consider putting into place,  
about an ash garden at Smyrna Cemetery.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that they had a meeting and elected the officers for this year. They are; Jim Tarkowski, chair; *John Feuerstein, vice chair*; Joe Tarkowski, secretary.  
ZBA: Feuerstein reported that they had a meeting and discussed a variance for Hawley Hwy. & M-44. Nothing was decided. Elected the officers for this year. They are Joe Tarkowski , chair and Laura Staats, Secretary.

Zoning Administrator: Larry Mercer, Z.A. reported that it was a slower month. He had talked with some people about the complaints that he had. He had Zoning Applications that are not finished as of now.

#### Unfinished Business:

Drop Boxes: The board had a discussion about who would install them, or if they had to run an ad in the paper.

Budget Amendments: Tabled to Next month.

Cement Pad: Feuerstein & Bryne have looked at them. There will not be put in until the spring.

#### New Business:

Hall expansion – There is going to be a meeting on Jan. 17, 2023 @ 7:00p.m.

Cemetery Record Keeper- The board will talk about this at the budget meetings.

Replacement Windows- To replace all the windows \$1,200 per window.

Technology Direction: The board voted to pay the three Hi-Core bills, to make sure we have someone to help us for now. Byrne moved to pay them and Borek supported. The board than took a roll call about the payment. Feuerstein-yes, Borek-yes, Bryne-yes, Sower-yes, Pike-yes. 5-0 approved

Audit: Pike reported that we will have reports next month.

#### Extended Public Comment:

Debit Card: The boards decided to not get a debit card.

Newspaper notices for bids: There was discussion about if we needed to place ads in the paper for small jobs. After much discussion it was decided to have Hunter Construction do the drop boxes. They will have it done before Feb. 30 2023. Feuerstein moved and Borek supported.

Roll call vote: All yes' 5-0 approved.

Ground maintainer: Pike would like to see about hiring someone to do odd jobs at the hall and cemeteries.

Budget Meeting: Wages & Fees: Wed. Jan.25. 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting: All Other matters: Thur. Feb. 2, 2023 @6:00p.m.

Public Hearings: Feb. & March at regular meetings

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk