

OTISCO TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 21, 2020 @ 4:30 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller.

Roll Call: Joseph Daller, Supervisor; Cara Johnson, Treasurer; Lynda Sower, Clerk
Dan Zeigler, Trustee; Ben Oatley, Trustee.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Daller had a change in the agenda; under X New Business move e. to the a. position, add f. millage proposals and g. recycling. Johnson moved to approve the agenda with these changes and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of June 9, 2020 minutes: Daller moved to approve the minutes and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Approval Payroll and Payables: Johnson moved to approve the Bills and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved.

Payroll	\$ 9,152.24
Acct. Payable	\$12,573.35
Roads	\$ 7,763.00
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,430.26</u>
TOTAL	\$37,694.30

Daller would like to see the bill from Fresh Coast Planning.

Communication: Paul Spitzley sent a letter about the bridge project on Long Lake Rd., it should be done Oct. 1, 2020.

Prime Newhoff is taking over for Paul.

Received a letter from Ronda Lake, she is running for Register of Deeds for the county.

Received a letter from Road Dept. June 16, 2020 regarding the fact that Montcalm County will not do Chip & Seal for us this year.

Brining was done, but was difficult with the covid 19 and rain.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Tobar reported there were a couple of B&E's & PPO's. He is glad that he will be working in the Otisco area and that Michael had told him about some of the areas to keep an eye on. The Sheriff dept. is not giving citations for masks not being worn, but the State Police are.

Assessor: The board has a report in their folders.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported that the cemetery had a meeting July 7, 2020, and the next meeting will be August 31, 2020. At 9:00 am. At the July meeting they discussed the parking spaces in the Smyrna Cemetery, and the purchase of post and chain to be placed on the south side. They contacted property owners on the north and south of Otisco Cemetery about purchasing some property in the future, to expand the cemetery. Both owners have contacted Sower and would like to talk more about this with the cemetery committee.

ZBA: The committee met and approved the minutes from the January minutes.

Zoning Administrator: The board has a report in their folders.

Unfinished Business:

Existing Building: Daller is going to look into getting something around the outside of the hall. There was also discussion about landscaping in front of the hall.

Township Hall Maintenance: Daller reported that he requested bids for sealing the parking lot and had received several. The board has the bids in their folders. After discussion, Daller moved that we accept Midwest Asphalt of Rockford to do the work on the parking lot and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

New Business:

Resolution to Adopt Master Plan: There was discussion about the resolution and about how it would work for the residents of the Industrial property on M-44. There are fourteen homes out there and they can come in individually to see about rezoning and the cost would be waved. Johnson moved that we accept the resolution and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Mission Statement: Daller read a Mission Statement that was turned into the board. After discussion Johnson moved that we accept the statement and adopt it for our board and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Ordinance Amendments (2): Paperwork was given to the board about Zoning Ordinances that needed to be amended. Amend section 1.350 - Daller moved to accept the amendment and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Amend section 1.362 & 1.363 - Daller moved to accept the amendment and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Policies: The board read through some polices and decided which to keep and some omissions from others. Sower will get these redone and give it back to the board.

Park Rules and Regulations: Johnson gave the board some park rules for the making of signs for the pavilion and playground area. It was suggested to add a few other things to the list. Daller moved that we purchase signs for the area outside, with the changes, and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved. The Planning Commission can figure out how many are needed and the locations.

Millage Proposals: Sower had the millage proposals that will be on the Nov. 2020 ballot for renewals.

Roads 2 mills – Daller moved to place this on the ballot and Johnson supported.
5-0 approved -

Fire 1 mill – Daller moved to place this on the ballot and Johnson supported.
5-0 approved

Sheriff .5 mill – Daller moved to place this on the ballot and Johnson supported.
5-0 approved

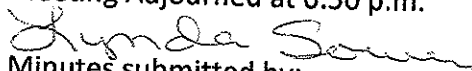
Recycling: Daller called this program a success. Gib Brown ask the board for a raise in the pay for him as he has to make more than one trip to get rid of the stuff. Johnson moved to raise the monthly fee \$100 more, and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Extended Comments: George Chickering is not satisfied with the way his complaint has been handled on his property. The Board of Appeals will have to make some decisions about this at their next meeting.

Sower reported that there would have to be a public hearing at next month's meeting for the amendment to the Cemetery Ordinance.

Board Comments: Daller is going to look into getting a trash container for the people to use that are enjoying our new pavilion and grounds. Joe Borek has placed some trash cans around the grounds area but sometimes this is not enough. Thank Joe for your contribution!

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Minutes submitted by:

Lynda Sower – Otiso Township Clerk