

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 9, 2024 @ 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 Byrne, treasurer;
Lynda Sower, clerk; Desmond Pike, Supervisor.

A short Prayer was given by Pike.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Feuerstein moved to accept the agenda as written and Byrne supported.
5-0 approved.

Public Comment: Cara Johnson ask about the Covid Money being on the agenda as Revenue Loss. She stated she knew of no loss for the township at the covid time. There was a short discussion about this matter and Pike stated "that this is how the State wants it, so the covid money would be used up". This came from our CPA.

Joe Conley stated that he thought the money should be used to do something good for the citizens of Otisco Township.

Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2024 - Byrne moved to approve the minutes as is and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Byrne moved to approve the payroll and payables and Borek supported. 4-1 Feuerstein was the only no vote.

Payroll	\$13,096.13
Fire	\$12,100.00
Roads	\$17,193.03
Acc. Payable	<u>\$16,638.16</u>
TOTAL	\$59,030.32

Reports:

Township Deputy: There were five-Non criminal; three General Assist. Deputy Tefft reported that it was a mild month.

Assessor: No report

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that it was Michigan Health Service this past Month. Measles is back and they want to combat this before it gets out of hand. The Road Dept. has 96 projects for this year.

Zoning Administrator: Larry Mercer answered some questions about his report .

Hall Expansion Committee: Pike reported that it was a dead issue for this board. The next board can go further on this if they want to.

Unfinished Business:

Amend Budget: Pike stated that the Assessor, Sally Frain had spoken with him and she needs more than 200 parcels inspected before the AMAR Audit this year. He also stated that this would mean that we need to amend the budget to give the deputy the ok to do more this year. Borek moved that we change the amount of parcels to 300 instead of the 200 that we had budgeted to have done. Byrnes supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: All board members voted yes. 5-0 approved.

Palmer Road Repairs: Pike reported that the Road Dept. had given us a quote for a 2" overlay, which would be good for approximately 15 years. Quote- \$370,600. He also stated that they could do a Reshaping of the road and it would last 30 years. Quote-\$564,500

There was some discussion about what we wanted to do. Borek moved that we do the 2" overlay and Feuerstein supported. Roll Call Vote: Byrne-no; Sower-no; Borek-yes; Feuerstein-yes; Pike-yes 3-2 approved

The board took no action on the Reshaping of the road.

New Business:

Bulk Postal Renewal: Feuerstein moved that we continue the permit for bulk postage and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Millages: Pike wanted to know if the board wanted to have the millage renewal for Fire – Roads- Sheriff to be put on the November 2024 ballot. All members were in agreement that it should be on the Nov. ballot.

Annual Audit: Sower is going to get ahold of Matt Holland to see if he would come to the August meeting.

Covid Monies: Feuerstein moved that we take the CPA's suggestion on how to handle this matter and Byrne support. 5-0 approved

THE MOTION:" I move to utilize the Township's ARPA funding under revenue Loss to cover salary, wages, and professional services within the General Fund.

The Maner Costerisan firm will assist in this process. This motion rescinds any Previous motions regarding us of ARPA and/or SLFR Funds"

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

Extended Public Comments: Cara Johnson wondered why there has been such a fuse about The Clerk's check, when everyone has extra things on their checks- mileage-education-etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk