

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 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.

Brief Public Comment: Howard Uiterdyk stated that Lynda had brought her recorder to work each day that she was at work to compare it with Desmond's, but this did not happen. Des dropped the ball.

Cara Johnson Stated the she saw on the agenda that we were going to talk about Bricker Rd. and the request from Eureka Township and that she did not agree with it.

Approval of Agenda: Feuerstein moved to approve the agenda and Byrne supported. 4-1 approved Borek was no vote.

Approval of Minutes: Feb. 13, 2024; Borek moved to approve the minutes and Byrne supported. 4-1 approved Byrne was no vote

March 12, 2024; Feuerstein moved to approve the minutes and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll:

Payroll	\$12,571.53
Acct's Payable	\$ 6,140.10
Sheriff	<u>\$ 7,278.26</u>
TOTAL	\$25,949.62

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

Reports

Township Deputy: Deputy Tefft reported that we had 28 complaints: 3 crashes and criminal acts. The fraud at the bank appears to be not by anyone leaking information, but that the transactions are from the eastern coast. Someone has used one person's identity that is 95 and perhaps deceased.

Cemetery Secretary: Sower reported that there had been paperwork taken from the vault for the cemetery. She reported it to Des and called to speak with our deputy. She stated that the only people that have keys are the elected officials, so either someone is letting someone in or giving them a key. After a couple of weeks, some of the records seemed to reappear.

County Commissioner: David Hodges stated that they had a facility meeting and covered; road dept. building, the lot where the old friend of the court used to be, it is going to be graded and black topped for parking. Hodges than went to a meeting at the airport. There are projects that are being done there. The flag that was from the Civil War has been taken down and is getting refreshed and will be coming back to the court house.

Zoning Administrator: The board has his report.

Hall Expansion: Pike is still in the process of trying to get the Blue Prints Stamped.

New Business:

Simon Salvage Yard: Larry has done an inspection, and they continue to be in compliance with our contract. Borek moved to renew the Simon Salvage Yard contract and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Gravel Agreement: Last year we received 8,000 yards of gravel for \$124,080. Pike stated that we have a quote for lime stoning Montcalm Rd. it was done 10 years ago. Cost of this project \$233,360. The cost of gravel is \$15.51 cubic yard. The county has marked 8 miles that they want to gravel. Feuerstein moved that we gravel Otisco St., Chase St, & Hubbard St. (in Smyrna) and in Howe Town (in Belding) it was supported by Byrne. 4-1 approved only no vote was Borek.

Brine Agreement: Cost of brine is \$17,523.28 for one time. Feuerstein moved to brine three times this summer and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Gradall Agreement: Feuerstein moved to approve the gradall contract and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Limestone Montcalm: Borek moved to hold until next month and Byrne supported.
5-0 approved

Chip & Seal-Palmer: Pike stated that the asphalt is crumbling. Get a contract with figures for next month.

Bricker request: Pike is going to contact Eureka and let them know we are not interest at this time to help with this project.

Tree Maintenance along road sides: Pike would like to cut down trees that are 24" and are in the road way and they grade around them. Get more information on the trees.

Millage Review: Fire protection; 1 Mill
 Sheriff; .5 Mill
 Roads; 2 Mills

Feuerstein remarked about the Road Millage, that the figures did not look correct. Sower stated that she would get back to Ionia and see if something is not right. Renew the millages as they are, Borek moved to submit the millages as they are and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Hall Remodeling: There has been two people from different agencies that have come and looked over our situation. And they are getting back to us later. More to come.

Extended Comment: Kristie Warner-Walls; People should retract their comments on the website about the missing money because it has been proven that no one on the board was liable for this. She would like to know about the comment about taking materials by the board to their homes. Is there a law and anything that states that this can happen?

Jeff Hunter; We have money in this township and we sit on it and then we ask people for mills to help with Fire and etc. He would like to see his taxes lowered.

Cara Johnson; she ask the treasure about her statutory days, and if she complied with them. She then stated that she knew that Lynda had been checking for the cemetery records to return, and they did. She can pin point this down to a couple of days. All the doors have locks, why haven't they been changed? She also stated that it seemed odd that we could not look at the camera system that we have at the hall.

Demond Pike: Something has happened to the cameras and he has called ADT to come and check them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk