

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**JUNE 11, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike.

A short Prayer was given by Pike.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Feuerstein moved to approve the agenda & Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of May 14, 2024 minutes: Borek moved to approve them as written and Pike supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Byrne moved to pay all the bills and Pike supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$11,517.05
Acc. Payable	\$27,061.76
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,711.07</u>
TOTAL	\$42,294.88

**Reports:**

County Commissioner: David Hodges stated that they had a short meeting. The 2025 budget was approved. Roads were talked about. Linda P. from the road commission could not get to our meeting. The county needs new pick-ups to replace a couple of older ones.

Zoning Administrator report: All members of the board received the report in their folders.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Gravel Agreement:**

Howe Town: Borek moved to put gravel on all the roads in that area, at the cost of \$13,712.16, getting the gravel from Ionia County Pit, Feuerstein supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: All yes'

Smyrna Streets: Borek moved to gravel Otisco, Chase, & Hubbard roads and Sower supported. There was more discussion and the motion was amended to add ditch work, trees trimmed, and cleanup the corner and get the gravel from Ionia County Pit, at a cost of \$7,496.13. Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote: All yes'

Limestone Montcalm Ave. (Button to 7 Mile): Feuerstein moved that we do this project at a cost of \$62,629.20 and Borek supported. Roll Call Vote: Sower-yes, Feuerstein-yes, Borek-yes, Byrne-No, Pike-yes. Approved 4-1

Palmer Rd. Repair-Overlay: Pike let the board know that the road commission said the road needed to be all new blacktopped this time. The cost for this project would be \$370,600.00. It was decided that Pike would get more information for the board. Postponed to next meeting.

Tree Maintenance: The board had some discussion and it was decided that Pike would get information on the cost of this from Jacoby Rd. to M-44 on Hawley Rd.

Hall Renovation/Hall Expansion: Laura Staats gave the board the information that she got from the contractor. The old voting booths would become storage and an office for the Clerk. The big office would be laid out different to make more room for the Assessor, Zoning Admin, and Supervisor. The office where the Clerk & Treasurer now have, would become the Treasurer and Deputy office with a conference room in part of the area. Pike stated that Paula wanted to draw up something too. Pike then had Jeff Hunter give us his ideas.

Jeff Hunter described what he thought would work; The Clerk & Treasurer office would stay where it is now, with a large window on the east side, with a treasurer desk and a clerk desk facing the window. This way they could wait on people from their desk at the windows. There would be a desk on the west wall for the deputies. The storage closet between the Supervisor office and this office would be taken out and storage space would be the old voting booths and vault. The people in this office would enter their office from a door in the Supervisor office.

#### New Business:

MTA Training & Fees: Sower reported that the dues for MTA were due now and that there is some training options and what would the board like to do about this. She read all the options and the board voted to get the Premium Pass for this year. 5-0 approved

Dues	\$1909.31
Legal	\$ 57.28
Training	<u>\$1900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3866.59

Township Bridges: At this time the Road Dept. is not looking at the bridges.

Carpet cleaning after voting: We do not pay the Ashley Baptist Church for the voting. A few years ago the township cleaned the carpeting in the main room. Borek moved that we do this again this year after the Nov. voting and Sower supported. Roll all Vote: Feuerstein-yes; Borek-yes; Byrne-no; Sower-yes; Pike- yes. 4-1 approved

Public Comment: Kristie Warner-Walls wanted to know if the people running for the offices could use the training package after the Aug. voting. Whoever wins these will be on the Ballot for November. Sower will look into this.

Howard Uiterdyk Wanted to know if all the grounds had been checked at the township hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Minutes Submitted By – Lynda Sower, Township Clerk