

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 @ 700PM
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

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

Short Prayer by David Hodges; County Commissioner.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Daller added f to new business-appointment of planning commissioner member to replace Frank Mason. Johnson moved to approve the agenda with the change and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes- August 18, 2020 meeting: Daller moved to approve the minutes and Oatley supported. 4-1 approved Johnson did not vote due to absence from meeting.

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Johnson moved to approve the bills and Daller supported. 5-0 approved. Johnson stated that she would like to know how much we have spent to date on the Long Lake Bridge project. Sower will get that information to all board members. Daller talked to Sower about a mistake in the spectrum bill. Should have been \$230.17 and check was made out for \$230.71. Sower will check with them to see about a refund for the amount of \$.54.

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| Payroll | \$ 9,728.56 |
| Fire acct' | \$47,097.00 |
| Road acct' | \$33,609.11 |
| Gen acct' | <u>\$10,196.62</u> |
| TOTAL | \$90,902.73 |

Communications: Daller reported on these; Cemetery minutes, email; death of Sally's father, copy of cancelation of the ZBA Sept. meeting, and Rogers time off Sept. 14-17.

Reports:

Assessors: report is in the board members folder.

Cemetery Report: Laura Staats reported that the next meeting was going to be October 5. She also reported on the new parking lot at Smyrna Cemetery.

County Commissioner: David Hodges report that they are having zoom meetings and will be glad to get back to regular meetings. They are working on the budget and as it looks, 54 jobs needed to be cut, they will not be able to function with those people gone. He reported that the road projects are all done for the year. Daller stated that he went to the Long Lake Bridge project and it looks really nice but is worried about the gravel washouts already happening.

Planning Commission: Roger Vandermelon reported about the bike race. He stated that they also discussed shipping containers in yards.

Zoning Administrator: Report is in each of the board members folders.

Unfinished Business:

Cemetery Ordinance Amendment: There was a public hearing last month on this issue, but the board waited until this month to discuss it and vote. After much discussion Zeigler moved to not amend the ordinance and Johnson supported. 4-0 approved Sower did not vote on this issue.

Existing Building: Daller is still trying to get pricing for the lower part of the building.

New Business:

Charter Communication: Daller received an agreement for the Michigan Public Service Commission provided the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement; Public Act 480, which came into effect January 1, 2007. Johnson moved that we renew this agreement at the same percent as in the past, 3%, and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Consumers Energy: Daller moved that we authorize the change in standard lighting contract form 547 and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved. This is lighting at the intersection of M44 – M91.

Lowell Classic Gravel Road Race: The Planning Commission discussed and ok'd this event. Johnson moved to approve the outdoor gathering permit and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Otisco Cemetery Expansion: Daller reported that the cemetery committee had approached two land owners on the north and south of the Otisco Cemetery to see if they would sell property for the township for the future. Laura Staats is going to talk with the people to see what kind of price they would have to have to make the sale.

Township Hall/Pavilion Parking lots: Roger Vandermelon had requested bids for this project and was waiting for them. Project on hold.

Planning Commission replacement: Daller moved that the board approve Joe Tarkowski to replace the open position on the committee and Johnson supported. 5=0 approved

Extended Comment: Desmond Pike stated that he would like the board to wait on the property for the cemetery if the board is unable to get it done before the new board takes over.

Final Board Comments:

Daller reported that an audit would take place on Thursday the 10th.

Daller has called Darin Ensign about fixing the light fixture from the flag pole. It appears that someone ripped it off the post.

Park Rules and Regulation are being worked on.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower

Otisco Township Clerk