

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021@7:00 p.m.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike.
A short prayer was given by Pike.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Supervisor, Desmond Pike; Treasure, Paula Byrne; Clerk, Lynda Sower
Trustee, Joe Borek; Trustee, John Feuerstein

Approval of Agenda: The date of the meeting needed to be changed to the 13th not the 16th;
And the Land Split is for the Potter property not the Porter property. Feuerstein moved that
the agenda be approved with these corrections and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Brief Public Comment: David Hodges wanted us to know that he was not pleased with the fact
that his lawn mowing business was talked about at the last meeting. He stated that he has
worked hard to build up his image and worked hard to please the people in the township.
He did not think he should have to deal with the slander that was spoken about his mowing.
He stated that he had at one time nicked one of the bases and he had talked to Daller about
this matter and took care of it. He also has not liked all the problems with the insurance and
harassment. He turned in his bid and it stated that he was not going to bid for the job this year.

Approval of Minutes-March 9, 2021: Feuerstein moved to accept the minutes as written and
Borek supported. Approved 5-0

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Sower moved that we approve the bills & payroll and
Feuerstein supported. 5=0 approved

Payroll	\$ 9,932.88
Accts. Payable	\$ 5,374.71
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,430.26</u>
TOTAL	\$18,737.85

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Tobar reported that there was still some problems with their new
system and he could not get the full report for out township. There were 40 calls that they
were called out to. Such as; medical; no licenses; and fleeing.

Assessor: There was a report from Sally Frain in each of the board members folders.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a three hour meeting today. They approved the Public Defenders Budget, filled a probation officer position, 2 resolutions, upgraded 911 sur charge, road dept. pension. The Commission on Aging is making improvements to their building. He stated that the one mill for roads that the county voted on has plans to do improvements this year.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that they had two public hearings this month and talked about the storage containers.

ZBA : Feuerstein reported that they had a meeting but there were no appeals.

Zoning Administrator: There was a report in each of the board members folders. Roger Vandermolen reported that he had eight zoning compliances, one went to court this week about the case on Center St. Andy Lehman is going to build a home on Ag. property. Travis Albert is also going to build on Ag. Property.

Unfinished Business:

Electric on Corner: Pike reported that we do not have Electric at the corner yet.

Byrne brought paperwork from her mother that explains how the corner of Button Rd and Whites Bridge Rd. came to have a plaque and flag on the corner. Pike handed over the original paperwork to Sower to add to the Township records and he also made copies if anyone would like one.

Forensic Audit: Pike stated that Brynes was working on this.

Bank Update: Pike stated that Brynes was working on this matter.

New Business:

Potter Land Split: The Zoning Administrator reported that he and the Assessor had looked over this paperwork and found no reason not to let it be split. He also stated that it would stay Ag. property. Feuerstein moved that we approve the split and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Bike Race: The committee holding this event has request an Outdoor Gathering Permit for this race. This event will be held on August 22, 2021, and will be in our township for several hours, starting around 10:00 a.m. Feuerstein moved to approve the permit and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Wood Chips for Playground: The Board unanimously agreed to get wood chips for the playground.

Appointment to Planning Commission: Pike reported that Dan Stephens had agreed to take the empty sit on the Planning Commission. Byrne moved to except Dan for the position and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

New Letter: Sower stated that she thought that the township should have newsletters for the residents. To keep them up on what was happening in their Township. Sower's Deputy, Kendra Bailey will take charge of this. Borek moved that we should start getting newsletters out to the residents and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Lawn Contracts: Pike stated that the board had to vote on the contract, and he moved to do so and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

The Bids were opened and read by Pike:

Bryan Byrne	\$9,500 for the season
Borek Services	\$9,000 for the season
Belding Lawn Care	\$12,150 for the season

Sower brought up the fact that the Townships Insurance requires the people we contract to do work for the township must have Workmen's Comp. on their insurance. There was discussions about how that is not right, but Sower just kept telling them that was the way it was. After some time Borek handed a note to Pike which stated that if the insurance was such an issue to pull his bid out. At this time Belding Lawn was ask about his insurance and he stated that he did have Workmen's Comp already. Pike moved that we hire Belding Lawn Care to mow the properties owned by the township and Feuerstein supported. Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein-Y; Borek -Y; Byrne- abstained (relative had bid in); Pike - Y; Sower-Y . 4-0 and one abstained, approved.

Computers: Pike read the bid that Addorio gave us for the new computers that were needed for the Township.

- 2 Laptops
- 5 Computers
- 7 Screens

The cost would be \$5,182.36. Desmond moved to approve the purchase and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved.

Road Commission: Brine Agreement- Borek moved to get brine three times on the gravel roads. That will be equal to 91,339 gallons each time.

Before these holidays: Memorial Day
July 4th
Labor Day

Byrne supported the motion. 5-0 approved

Gravel Agreement- Feuerstein moved that we have 4,000 yards of gravel put on the gravel roads and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Gradall Agreement - This is an agreement that the road dept. will fix roads with a cost of \$3,000 without asking about this when they are needed. Byrne moved to accept the agreement and Feuerstein supported. 5=0 approved


Pest Control: Pike stated that the hall has an issue with ants. He had called Sure Shot to see what the cost would be to take care of this matter. He had several options about hiring them and what they would do. After some discussion Feuerstein moved that we have Sure Shot come and spray twice a year, spring and fall, and when needed in an emergency situation and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Tax Allocation: Pike presented the paperwork for this to be sent to Ionia Allocation Board. Sower stated that line 6 on the report needed to be changed. Borek moved that we approve the paperwork after Sower makes the correction on the paper and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

EMS: Pike had a notice that the ambulance service is raising its rates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Sower".

Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk