

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Desmond Pike, Supervisor
Roll Call: John Feuerstein, Trustee; Joe Borek, Trustee; Paula Byrne, Treasurer;
Lynda Sower, Clerk; Desmond Pike, Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
A short Prayer was given by Pike.

Approval of Agenda: Pike had several additions to the agenda; in VII –c. was removed
VIII f. & g. was added and h. & i was added.

Feuerstein stated that Light on corner should be under unfinished business. This will be VII – c.
Approval of Agenda as corrected Feuerstein and support Borek. 5-0 approve

Approval of Minutes – Aug. 10, 2021 – Byrne moved to approve them and Sower supported.
5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes – Aug. 16, 2021- special meeting to hire new Zoning Administrator, as
Roger is leaving. Byrne moved to approve them and Sower supported. 5-0 approved
Pike noted that in the minutes, Lynda had written that he had voted twice, yes than no. and
that Sower had not voted.

Pike read an article that he found about Charter Townships and how everyone has to vote.
Sower stated that we are not a charter township.

Approval of Payables and Payroll;

Payroll	\$11,325.74
Fire Acct.	\$48,038.00
Sheriff Acct.	\$ 6,928. 99
Acct. Payable	<u>\$16,092.38</u>
TOTAL	\$82,385.11

John had a question about the Lawyer bill. Sower will get a copy to Feuerstein. Feuerstein
moved to approve the bills and payroll and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Reports:

Assessor: Sally Frain, The Assessor was present at the meeting. She stated that she was in the
office on Wednesdays, 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Sally has been busy working with the new Zoning
Administrator. Working on new constructions, land splits, and divisions.

Planning Commission: Worked on the Extruded Aluminum addition. There is going to be a new venue on the Andersen property, but there are some questions about this matter.

Cemetery Committee: The next meeting will be October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator: Ethan Walthorn was introduced to the public. The report that the board has is Roger VanderMolen's last report.

Unfinished Business:

Ionia County Economic Alliance: There was some discussion about this matter. Sower stated that the township has to be careful not to donate monies to different organizations. Due to laws. Board declined.

Sign Upgrade: Byrnes reported that she had quotes for a new sign, at approximately \$20,000. Sower stated that the board should not spend that kind of money until the new budget in March 2022, and then it can be looked at and budgeted before the spending.

Corner Electric: Pike will get ahold of Darin Ensign about this matter.

New Business:

Side Walk: The new sidewalk in front of the hall is scheduled for Sept. 21.

Revise to redo website: There was discussion on this matter and the board will have to look into what the cost would be and maybe there is a better way.

Landfill Expansion: There have not been any meetings yet.

Quick Books: Byrne had quotes from a couple of people. The board discussed this and Sower moved to except the bid from Bonita Steele of \$18 an hour to install and work with training the Treasurer and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Cutting & Trimming on road right away: The board will go with the road dept. to look at the situation on Wed., September 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Land Split:

Whites Bridge land split for Sharon Hamblin- five acres and grandma's house to sell. Ethan & Sally have looked the papers over and see nothing to worry about. Feuerstein moved that we accept the split and Borek Supported. 5-0 approved

Montcalm Rd. land split for Judy Brown – three acres and the house and six point seven acres to be kept by Judy. Feuerstein moved to accept the split ad Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Five Mile Rd. split for Doug Russell – There are two splits on the property already, with twenty-eight point-nine remain. Feuerstein moved that we accept the split and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Bike Race: There is going to be a Bike Race in our township on Oct. 30, 2021. Byrnes moved that we proceed with this bike race and Sower supported. 4-2 approved. The two no's were Feuerstein & Borek.

Drive Way: The Ionia Road Dept. is going to fix the driveway at the hall.

Public Comment: Howard Uiterdyk wanted to know about the Thomas place on M-91. Where are the fence and the berm?

Ross Gregory was questioning the private road across from his home, Coyote Trail. When Rick Andersen started that project he agreed that when he had three homes down there that he would pave the road. There are now twelve homes there and no pavement. Pike will get ahold of the lawyer to see what the board should do.

Kristie Warner-Wells ask about the private drive.

Uiterdyk wanted to know if anything had been done with the old computers. He also ask about the lower part of the outside of the hall.

Warner-Wells wanted to know what was up about the Forensic Audit. Pike stated that he would like to see what the yearly audit that was just done would look like.

Sower stated that in the new magazine that everyone received from MTA has information about training for all he different positions on the board and the committees. Each one is a two day event in Frankenmuth in October. There were a few statements about if we really needed to belong to MTA and how much information would benefit the people to attend. Sower believes that it is very important to learn the jobs in the township. So that everyone could perform their jobs for the betterment of the township. She stated that she has saved this township a lot of grief from knowing the right and wrong things that were being done.

Desmond Pike picked up some circus tickets and waving them in the air and stated does anyone want to go to the circus, the circus is coming to town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk