

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Agenda: Need to add a couple of things to the agenda; under new business, dates for next year's meetings- g; Button Rd. trailer – h. Feuerstein moved to accept the agenda with add -on and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes: Oct. 12, 2021 – Feuerstein wanted the ZBA to read that they had granted the variance request. Feuerstein moved to approve the minutes with the change and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Borek approved the bills and payroll and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

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| Payroll       | \$ 9,626.23        |
| Acct. Payable | \$11,868.00        |
| Sheriff       | \$ 3,498.73        |
| Roads         | <u>\$13,535.29</u> |
| TOTAL         | <u>\$38,528.25</u> |

Deputy Report: The deputy was not available, but we received a report for Otisco Township.

Assessor: The assessor had a report in each of the board members folders.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats reported that they had gone to both the cemeteries and looked to see what needed to be done in the future. It was decided that locating the graves in the cemeteries should be the first priority. Pike stated that we could rent a machine in Ada to go over the ground to locate the bodies for \$1,000 a week, but we would do this ourselves with instructions given by the owners.

Planning Committee: Pike reported that the committee decided that we had a Level I Home Occupation that needed to be turned into a Level II.

ZBA : Feuerstein reported that they had a mandatory meeting in November 2021.

Zoning Administrator: Ethan Walthorn, Zoning Administrator went over the report that the board members had in their folders.

Pike stated that the burned trailer had to be worked on by the order of the court. Pike also got a couple of quotes for the removal of it. Denny Hall; \$2800 and Wittenbach's; \$2900. After much discussion, it was decided that an ad should be run in the paper for this job.

New Business:

I'M Safe: a presentation was given by Kurt Butler and Lori Kirkhoff on how the organization operated and the things they have in place to help the children. This program is for children under 18 years old in Montcalm and Ionia County. They stated that Otisco had 16 children go through their system this past year.

Land Splits: Joe & Cindy Zahm on Zahm Rd.: They have one split on the east side of the road and 2 land splits on the west side of the road; making five different parcels of property.

Feuerstein moved to grant the splits and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Duane Rasch on Four Mile Rd.: They will take 5 acres out of the 78 acres that they have; giving Duane the smaller parcel and his brother will get the other 73 acres. This is what their father had wanted. Borek moved to grant the split and Feuerstein supported.

5-0 approved

TV/Mike/Speakers: Pike reported that he had a price for these items from Best Buy.

TV \$1438.96

After much discussion Borek moved that they purchase the TV and Feuerstein supported.

4-1 approved – Sower was the only no vote.

Singing Machine and Speaker \$288.30

Feuerstein moved to purchase the machine and speaker and Borek supported.

Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein – yes; Borek-yes; Byrne-yes; Sower-no; Pike-yes

4-1 approved

Kore hi com computer security: We received a quote of \$1,920.00 from our IT dept for this service. Byrne moved to accept this quote and Feuerstein supported. Roll Call Vote:

Feuerstein-yes; Borek-yes; Byrne-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. Approved

MTA Authorities & /Responsibilities Invoice: Pike wanted to know why his address was wrong on the bill. This needs to be changed at MTA.

Recycling report Gib Brown: Gib told the public that things were going good with the recycling. He stated that they had to turn some of the residents away, because they did not have room for everyone's things. They did note that there are people coming to our recycling and are not Otisco Residents, they started checking addresses of the people coming and turned people away with residents in other townships.

Scheduling next years meetings: Sower made a list of the dates for next year's meetings. Borek moved to have the meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Old Business:

Land Fill: George Chickering and John Feuerstein attended a meeting in Ionia about Pitsch's landfill expansion into Otisco Township. The next meeting is January 18, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Red Flashing Light in Smyrna: Bud White at the Road Dept. would like to put up a LED at the four corners in Smyrna. He would like the Township to pay for half of it. This would be around \$3,000 for our township. Feuerstein moved to put this matter on hold and Byrne supported.

Roadside Tree Trimming: The Road Dept has not got the packets out for the people to bid on this. Nothing Happening!

List of Township Improvements: Bottom of building, outside; more tables; hall carpeting; video camera to live stream.

Covid Relief Money: Bryne reported that the township had received half of our covid money.

Public Comment: Ross Gregory came to the board about question about Coyote Trail and the blacktop. He stated that he would be happy if the Township would get the first 600 ft. of the trail off from Whites Bridge Rd. paved.

T. Gunither came to the board to see if we would consider changing the Ordinance about growing and selling marijuana in our Township. This will be on the agenda next month.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower  
Otisco Township Clerk