

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Pike gave a short prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Member Absent: Paula Byrne

Approval of Agenda: Sower moved to accept the agenda as presented and Feuerstein supported. 4-0 approved

Approval of Minutes: Jan. 12, 2021- Feuerstein moved to accept the minutes as presented and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

Jan. 19, 2021-Budget Minutes- Sower moved to accept the minutes as presented and Feuerstein supported. 4-0 approved

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Feuerstein moved to pay the bills and payroll as it was presents and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 9,634.67
Fire Acct.	\$11,892.00
Road Acct.	\$ 1,558.91
Sheriff Acct.	\$ 3,430.26
Accts Payable	<u>\$19,406.23</u>
TOTAL	\$45,922.07

Communications: Pike presented a letter from Borek, it stated that Borek is interested in placing a bid to the Township for the Mowing contract.

Reports:

Assessor: All Board Members have a report in their folders. Sally Frain, Assessor also had a resolution for the board to look at about people being able to turn in a written paper for the Board of Review to look at because of the Covid-9 situation at this time. Feuerstein moved that we vote on this, for the community and Sower supported the decision. Pike did a roll call vote of the members; Feuerstein-yes; Borek – yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. 4-0 approved.

Pike also gave the board the dates for the Board of Review:

March 3, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m. – Organizational Meeting

March 8, 2021@ 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. To discuss and take action on requests

March 10, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. To discuss and take action on requests

Cemetery Committee: Meeting on March 15, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that they had two public hearings at the meeting; parks and Recreation Rules – Cargo Containers. They also discussed Ag. Property.

Zoning Administrator: The board received a report in their folders. Roger Vandermolen stated that he had talked again to the gentleman with the burned trailer on Button Rd., it has been cleaned up around there and the trailer will be gone by next month. Roger had an application for the use of small eating huts at the bar. This is temporary because of Covid-9. He wanted the board to make a decision about this request. Borek moved that we allow the temporary accommodations to help with the existing problem and Sower supported. 4-0 approved This will stay in place until the ratio gets to 75% in the eating businesses.

Unfinished Business:

Electric on Corner: Pike reported that Darin has been waiting for Consumers. Pike reported that he spoke to Jeff at consumers and the electric will be hooked up to the meter and we will receive a bill.

New Business:

Land Division: Richard Hoag requested a land division of property at Jacoby Rd. and Andres Rd. (2 acres). Feuerstein moved that we grant the division and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

Junk Yard Renewal: Donna Simons requested a renewal of the Junk Yard at her property. Vandermolen did an inspection and everything was fine and it meets the requirements. Sower moved to renew the application and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

Township Park Rules: There was a Public Hearing last week on this matter and the Planning Commission voted to send on to the board for approval. There would be a sign posted outside with the rules on it. They also have an Ordinance that the Board needed to make a decision on. Sower moved to accept the Ordinance as presented and Borek support. 4-0 approved

Lowell 50 Bike Race: Vandermolen presented the board with an application that Jeff Zvirzdis submitted for the board's approval, on behalf of the Bike Race. Vandermolen explained that he waived the fee, as last year they paid it and had to cancel the race due to Covid. The race will be April 10, 2021, and they will be using some of our roads for this event. Sower moved to accept the application as presented and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

Storage Containers: There was a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission meeting last week about this matter. They had an amendment to add to 1.435 Ordinance about accessory buildings and uses. Sower moved to pass the addition and Feuerstein supported. There was a board decision at this time. Feuerstein & Pike do not like all the rules that come with this addition. There was a vote and it was turned down, 1-3. Pike, Borek & Feuerstein were the no votes. Pike then moved that we send the Ordinance back to the Planning Commission to work

on it some more. John moved to send it back and Borek supported. 3-1 approved Sower was the only no vote.

Fire Department 2% raise: Pike reported that the Belding Fire Chief came to our January 19th meeting to explain how the fire department figures there cost to bill the township. Tim Lubitz explained that there would be a 2% hike in the stand by fee that they charge us. Last year it cost us \$47,095 and would raise to \$48,138. Feuerstein moved to accept the cost for their services and Borek support. 4-0 approved

Township Planner agreement: Pike reported that we had a contract with Fresh Coast Planning for the next year, and we needed to decide if we accept this contract. We give them a retainer fee of \$3750 in two payment, and that after we deplete this money they charge \$90 an hour that we will have to pay. Pike stated that he talked with Vandermolen about this matter and found that Vandermolen uses them through the year for advice and help. Sower moved to accept the contract with Fresh Coast and Feuerstein supported. 4-0 approved

Public Comment: At this time Pike ask for comments, as there were people in the audience that wanted to address the board. They were representatives from the Smyrna Bar and The Old Gas Station. Every year they have had a party for friends and relatives to celebrate Smyrna and this year they would like to see it opened to everyone in the area. Therefore they would like to close the Whites Bridge Rd. from Otisco Rd. to Button Rd. They have gone to the Road Department about this and were told they need the board's approval to have this event. The event would be August 21, 2021 from approximately 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. There would be a car show and are open to suggestions from the board and public. The goal for this is to MAKE SMYRNA PROUD. The board was agreeable with the idea. They will be back to the hall to talk with us again.

The meeting was closed at 8:13 p.m. to go to the Public Hearing on Wages & Fees for the next Fiscal Year. Feuerstein moved to do so and Borek supported. 4-0 approved.

Pike read all the resolutions to the board and public; the wages for the next fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-01 Supervisor wages
\$16,000 per fiscal year

Resolution No. 2021-02 Clerk wages
\$16,777 per fiscal year

Resolution No. 2021-03 Treasurer wages
\$16,777 per fiscal year

Resolution No. 2021-04 Trustees wages
\$3,570 per fiscal year (each person)

Resolution No. 2021-05 Wages & Fees for all people working at Township.

Deputy Treasurer	\$14.00 hourly - cap of \$6,000
Deputy Clerk	\$14.00 hourly - cap of \$6,000
Deputy Supervisor	\$14.00 hourly cap of \$2,000

Assessor	\$20,400 per fiscal year
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Zoning Administrator	\$17,000 per fiscal year
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The rest of the committees and such are in this Resolution No. 2021-05, which is attached to this page.

Borek moved to close the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m. and Feuerstein supported. 4-0 approved

The Regular meeting opened up at 8:45 p.m. Now we will vote on the resolutions.

Resolution No. 2021-01 – Supervisor wages. Borek moved to accept the resolution and Feuerstein supported. 4-0 approved

Resolution No. 2021-02-Clerk wages: Borek moved to accept the resolution and Feuerstein supported. 4-0 approved

Resolution No. 2021-03-Treasurer wages: Feuerstein moved to accept the resolution and Borek supported. 4-0 approved.

Resolution No. 2021-05-Trustee wages: Borek moved to accept the resolution and Feuerstein support. 4-0 approved

Resolution No. 2021-05-wages & fees: Sower moved to accept the resolution and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

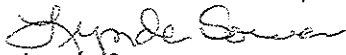
Next Budget meeting will be February 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Comment: Roger Lakin stated that meeting was lasting too long.

Mike Hoffman had some questions about his taxes.

At 9:53 p.m. Feuerstein moved to adjourn and Borek supported. 4-0 approved

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower

Otisco Township Clerk