

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 14, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.  
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Lynda Sower.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Lynda Sower, Clerk; Cara Johnson, Treasurer; Dan Zeigler, Trustee;  
Ben Oatley, Trustee  
Absent: Joseph Daller, Supervisor

Sower stated that in the absence of the Supervisor that the Clerk Opens the meeting, then the board assigns one of the members to act in the Supervisors place and run the meeting. Johnson was unanimously appointed to that position.

Johnson had David Hodges give a short prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Zeigler moved that we approve the agenda as presented and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved  
Later down the agenda it was decided that we had two meeting minutes to approve, so April 10, 2019 meeting was added.

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2019 - Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Sower supported. 4-0 approved  
April 10, 2019 – Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Sower supported. 4-0 approved

Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll: Johnson moved to approve the bills and payroll and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 9,916.06
Sheriff	\$ 3,397.66
Fire	\$12,872.50
Accts Payable	<u>\$ 9,188.43</u>
TOTAL	\$35,274.65

Communications: Daller received an email from Michele Schilling about the trucks running on Ingalls Rd. from Miriam to a pit and then down Flat River Trail. The residents were having hard time getting out of their driveways and the road was being destroyed with all the traffic. Johnson reported that she took six calls on Friday from others that were as upset as Schilling. Johnson made calls to the Road Commission to get some answers for the people. The crushed asphalt was being brought in and emptied there and will be used on the Fred Meijer Trail, between Belding and Lowell.

A letter was received from Michigan Township Participating Plan, which is the townships insurance, with a check for a dividend to the members of the program.

A letter was received from the Ionia County Treasurer about a parcel in our township that is going up for tax sale. The address is 5912 Whites Bridge Rd.

We received a report from the Ionia County Road Commission Annual Financial Report .

Guest: Spence Riggs, The Right Place-o/b/o/ Bel-Land LLC (Fintech)

Mr. Riggs explained that he was working on behalf of Fintech. They are going to expand their operations and would like to establish a Industrial Development District and receive a tax abatement from the township. They will have to write a letter to the Township Board and then the Board would have to schedule a Public Hearing to approve/deny the request. Otisco Township has two other ITFs in the township; Belco and Extruded Aluminum.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Veenstra reported that there are more calls coming in now that the weather is getting warmer. This last month there has been: DUI's & Smyrna Bar break-in. He has been doing a lot of public relations with Faith Community School and Oakwood Reform Church. He will have a Acts of Violence training on June 10, 2019 with the people at these two facilities.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staat reported that there was a meeting and there were discussions about gates for the cemeteries; cost of the Columbian; cleaning of Stones; brush removal; removal of limbs from the storm; and the dirt pile in Otisco Township cemetery. The committee would like another five gallons of cleaner ordered.

Johnson moved that we hire Joe Borek to get the dangerous limbs removed before Memorial Day at the price that he had quoted to the Supervisor a few months ago. The board had never been given the quote so were unaware what it was. Borek stated that it was \$45 an hour. Zeigler supported the movement. 4-0 approved

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a meeting and discussed the following items. They are working on the Animal Control Ordinance and trying to get things up to State Law. Drug testing to accommodate the new marihuana law. Prosecutor Butler needs a new legal secretary as his secretary went to victims advocate dept.

Planning Commission: Johnson reported that they are working on a Blight Ordinance. She ask that anyone interested in helping with this to come to their meetings to give suggestions. The first Wednesday of each month.

Zoning Administrator: Roger VanderMolen wanted to know if the board had questions about his report that they had received. He stated that he was going to be on vacation the second week of June. He stated that he had communicated with the attorney about the Home Business permits and the attorney stated that all businesses' have to have one and no one is grandfathered in, and it does not matter how long they have been in business.

Unfinished Business: Exiting Building/ Hall Expansion tabled to next month.

New Business:

Belding Fire Depart. UTV – Tabled

Board Resolutions- Assessor's email – Tabled

Flat River Trail – Limestone: Johnson called Paul Spitzley at the Ionia County Road Commission about the resolution that had past at one of the last meetings. The question was why we had not received a quote for the project to cover Flat River Trail from Miriam to Ingalls Rd. She was told that it would cost us an extra \$10,000 to do this. It was the intended plan for Flat River Trail from Miriam to the top of the hill. Johnson moved that we amend the budget and put another \$10,000 into this project and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Land Division App.-Jorgensen/Granco Clark: VanderMolen explained the paper work that we had received for this. Zeigler moved that we approve the land division and Oatley supported. 4-0 approved. VanderMolen then requested that we allow someone other than the Supervisor to sign this, so it could get done before next month Johnson moved that Lynda Sower, Clerk sign the form in the absence of the supervisor and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved.

Parking Lot & Playground lighting: Tabled

Pavilion: There was some discussion about the pavilion and quotes that Johnson had received for the project. It was suggested by Oatley that we schedule a special meeting for next week sometime to work on this. Meeting was set for May 22, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Solar Ordinance: Johnson moved that we approve the Industrial Solar Ordinance and Zeigler supported. 4-0 approved

Extended Public Comment: Jeff Hunter had questions about some of the accounts payable. Sower tried to explain that the report does not print out all things that a payment was for, but it is in the General Ledger. She would show him sometime if he came in.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m...

Minutes Submitted By: Lynda Sower, Otisco Township Clerk

