

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

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Sower ask about the Public Hearing and Pike stated that it was at the end of the agenda. Sower moved to approve the agenda and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes- Feb. 9, 2021 – Sower moved to approve the minutes and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Feb. 16, 2021 – Feuerstein moved to approve the minutes and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Feb. 23, 2021 – Bryne moved to approve the minutes and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Borek moved to approve the Bills & Payroll and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 9,552.49
Acct' Pay, able	<u>\$ 3,648.90</u>
TOTAL	\$13,201.39

Communication: Pike reported that he had a letter from Consumers Power letting the township know that they would be doing some powerline trimming of limbs and trees.

**Reports:**

Township Deputy: Deputy Tobar reported that they have a new system now and that he could not get us a report of the services that they had rendered. There were 36 calls; death, family matter, neglect and more. Don Hopkins ask about the white van that they were chasing on his road. Tobar stated that they did not get him.

Assessor: All board members have a report in their folders.

Cemetery Committee: Pike stated that there, would be meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. There will be a discussion about the columbaria.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a meeting earlier this day, it was actually two meetings in one, due to the fact that last month's meeting was hijacked. The Commission on Aging received a Grant for, new vehicle, with tablet and kitchen renovating. The Health Dept. reported that 6000 people have been vaccinated for covid 19.

Planning Commission: A Public Hearing was conducted at the meeting. They also talked about the shipping containers.

Zoning Administrator: Roger Vandermolen reported that there would be a ZBA meeting next month. All members of the board received a report in our folders. Vandermolen talked to the board about a couple of the Ordinance violations in the report; 18-46 & 21-01.

#### Unfinished Business:

Electric on corner: Pike stated that we still do not have the hook up completed as of now. But Jeff from Consumers is working on it.

#### New Business:

Land Division: Vandermolen reported on the Tim Bruce application for division on 10080 Button Rd. Parcel # 34-130-020-000-085-10; It is going to be divided into four parcels and he will be building homes on each of the parcels. Feuerstein moved that we grant the division and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Lawn Mowing Contract approval: Pike presented the new contract that he and Feuerstein had worked on. Pike read the contract to the board and public. There was some discussion about the time frame for the contracted years. Pike is going to make the corrections of the contract papers for the public to pick up to bid on the job.

Approval of New Computers and Software: Pike reported that Addorio was going to be at the hall on March 22 @ 7:00p.m. to talk with the board or anyone that wanted to come.

Forensic Audit: Pike stated that he believed that we needed an audit to account for every dime that came into and went out of the township. Feuerstein moved that we contract someone for the forensic audit for the past five years, and Borek supported. Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein-yes, Borek-yes; Byrne-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. Approved.

Agenda amendment: Pike wanted to add the moving of money to the agenda. Borek moved that we do this and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Moving of Township Monies: The public and the board had a discussion about how much money that Otisco had in one bank; Mercantile. Because of the amount of money that we have it should be separated and put in several different banks. There was discussion about all the CD's that the township had and they were cashed in and where that money was put. The cemetery had a small CD that was given to the township years ago and we were not supposed to do anything with until the township needed it to keep the cemeteries mowed and such. Feuerstein moved that we get the cemetery money back into a CD and that Byrne and Sower decide how and where to split the money up and do it now and report back to the board next month and Borek supported. Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein-yes; Borek-yes; Byrne-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. Approved

The regular meeting was closed at 8:57 p.m. and the Public Hearing was opened at this time. Pike reported that amount of revenue that the board estimated it would receive in the upcoming fiscal year.

Pike then opened up the floor for the public to ask questions about the budget, roads being the first thing that was mentioned. This was talked about in lengths.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:20 and the Regular Meeting was opened.

Feuerstein moved that we approve the 2021-2022 Budget and Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein-yes; Borek-yes; Bryne-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. Approved

Public Comment: Don Hopkins stated that he thought it was a good meeting and was glad that we were going to fix the money situation.

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk