

**Otisco Township**

**Regular Township Board Minutes**

**Preliminary Meeting Notes**

**11/13/2018**

- Call to Order:** Daller opened meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Daller, Johnson, Ziegler, Oatley. Absent Sower.
- Approval of Agenda:** Johnson made a motion to approve agenda with a second from Ziegler. Passed 4-0.
- Brief Public Comment:** None
- Approval of Minutes:** Johnson made a motion to approve October 9th Board minutes, with a second from Oatley. Passed 4-0.
- Approval of Payables:** Johnson made a motion to approve and pay the payables, with a second from Ziegler. Passed 4-0.
- Communication:** Daller stated he had received some phone calls regarding residents having been sent post cards stating the TWP Hall as the polling place. He will follow up with Lynda. The TWP received an invitation to the Ionia County Sheriff's retirement party.
- Reports:**
- A.) Township Deputy**
- Michael stated he received a few calls regarding fraud and a couple larcenies. With the passing of Proposal 1, the prosecutor sent out info to all deputies for screening for Marijuana use while driving.

**B.) Assessor**

The Assessor's report was not printed off and put in folders for board members.

**C.) Cemetery Committee**

Laura Staats stated she read through the cemetery minutes from 1936 to today's date. She stated there was nothing that listed where the money for cemetery CD came from. She said there were notes from many who donated over the years. The committee would like to carry over funds left to next year for the parking lot and leveling of Smyrna Cemetery. Joe Borek will burn stumps. Staats also stated there will be an additional 20% increase for the price of the columbarium. She also stated the Joe Borek is to receive the wood from the cemetery project for his help.

**D.) County Commissioner**

Hodges was not in attendance.

**E.) Planning Commission**

Johnson stated the planning commission had a meeting regarding the Industrial Solar Ordinance. Both the Planner and Attorney were in attendance. They both highly recommended that the Board make a change for this ordinance and have the Board have the final say for the special use permit for the solar use. Johnson made a motion to amend section 1.620 in the zoning ordinance to give the TWP Board final say for the special use permit regarding the Industrial Solar Ordinance, seconded by Daller. Passed 4-0.

**F.) ZBA**

No meeting was held.

**G.) Zoning Administrator**

Everyone had a copy of the report.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A.) Audit**

Daller asked where we were with scheduling it. Johnson said she was not sure if Lynda was able to get a hold of the auditor to schedule and she would find out a date to report for next months TWP Board meeting.

**B.) Hall Expansion/Existing Building**

Daller stated the special meeting for the TWP Board to discuss this was canceled due to no quorum. He then asked if there was still interest in meeting. Johnson, Ziegler and Oatley all agreed. The meeting was rescheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**C.) Newsletter**

Johnson stated the newsletter would be sent out the following week. It was behind a couple weeks due to recycling canceling and looking for a replacement. Oatley asked cost of having printer do them? Johnson stated she will check into next time. This was more difficult because of half of them being printed with recycling issue.

**New Business:**

**A.) Proposal 18-1**

Daller stated the proposal passed Otisco TWP with 534 yes votes and 503 no votes. With this proposal the TWP must opt in or out. Daller stated he would email TWP Attorney on an Ordinance of Resolution regarding this proposal.

**B.) Recycling**

Johnson stated the recycling would be coming to an end after December. The current company is not going to continue.

**Extended**

**Public Comment:**

MaryAnn Reeves requested copies of Payables and Transfers. Johnson stated Lynda Sower normally placed those out, however she would make copies for her after the meeting was over.

Joe Borek stated that the current lawn mowing agreement states that Fall/Spring clean-up was included in that bid price. He asked why the TWP grounds were not cleaned up and leaves blown into bushes and under picnic tables? Daller stated he had noticed the leaves not picked up either and would address the situation. Joe also stated the TWP has home based business issues and needs to address them.

Laura Staats suggested the wooden benches be moved over to the playground side for parents to sit on. Johnson stated that Lyle, (who has been doing community service work at TWP) was in process of

staining those and once done was going to move them over there.

Dan from Mercantile bank stated the chamber was getting together at the Horses Mouth Tavern for the Christmas celebration December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Proposed Meeting Dates:**

- A. 12/5/2018 @ 7:00 Planning Commission Meeting**
- B. 12/10/2018 @ 7:00 Zoning Board Appeals Meeting**
- C. 12/11/2018 @ 7:00 Township Board Meeting**

**Final Board Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Ziegler made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Johnson. Passed 4-0.