

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.  
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joseph Daller.

Roll Call: Ben Oatley, Trustee; Dan Zeigler, Trustee; Cara Johnson, Treasurer;  
Joseph Daller, Supervisor; Lynda Sower, Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Short Prayer given by David Hodges.

Approval of Agenda: Oatley moved that we approve the agenda as presented, and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comments: Kristie Warner-Walls ask about the Master Plan.

Approval of Minutes: Johnson moved that we approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 meeting, and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables and Payroll: Johnson moved that we approve all of the bills to be paid and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Acct's Payable	\$10,270.62
Payroll	\$ 9,059.63
Fire	\$47,097.00
Roads	\$ 2,837.50
Sheriff	<u>\$ 3,363.53</u>
TOTAL	\$72,628.28

Communications: Daller presented the communications for the month.

Tire Collection	Road Commission-traffic study
Carpet Cleaning	Mid-Michigan Land Conservancy
B Foundation Banner	Treasury Dept. Letter – Audit

Reports:

Assessor: There is a report in the board's packet.

Cemetery: Maryann Reeves reported that Otisco Township has a branch that needs to be cut down in the south side. Smyrna needs to have the brush removed or burned.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a budget meeting. There was a retirement of the manager of the Sheriff Dept. after 25 years. The commissioners are concerned about the Road Commission Pension Fund; it is \$12-\$14 million short at this time.

There will be meetings held for the public to come to about this matter. Road Commission will be present.

Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING- Old District Court Building

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

New people starting at this date with the Road Commission has 401K.

Township Deputy: Michael Veenstra apologized for not making last month's meeting. He was in training. A new Deputy was present and introduced himself; Kyle Macklin. In July and August there were criminal complaints, drug complaints, OWI's, and other arrests.

Planning Commission: Johnson reported that they had two Home Occupational permits. Tabled the talk on Blight and Master Plan.

Zoning Administrator: The administrator is on vacation at this time, but the board received report in their packets.

Public Hearing:

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting was suspended for a Public Hearing.

Daller read the request from Bel-Land LLC for a PA198 – Industrial Development District.

Mr. Robert Greenland, Owner of Bel-Land LLC was present to answer questions that the board had about this matter.

At 8:00 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed.

The Regular Meeting continued at this time.

Zeigler moved that we approve Bel-Land LLC 's request of creating an Industrial Development District, at 7165 N. Whites Bridge Rd., Belding, MI 48809, Johnson supported.

Roll Call Vote: Johnson, yes – Sower, yes – Zeigler, yes – Oatley, yes – Daller, yes  
5-0 approved.

Unfinished Business:

Board Resolutions- Assessor's Email : Johnson suggested that we table this until the new assessor gets done with her training.

Existing Building/Hall Expansion: Daller reported that the new roof was on the hall and that the next project would be the outside of the building where the weed whips have gone into the Styrofoam along the bottom of the building. Johnson reported that the cement was due to be put in the pavilion on Thursday.

Recycling: Sower reported that they had someone that was willing to take over the recycling as of October, and that he was present at the meeting and could give us his proposal. Gib Brown stated that he would like to take over the recycling, still coming on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month except if there is a holiday on that date. He would keep the cost at \$450 monthly if the board was ok with that. Sower moved that we hire Brown Recycling to pick up our recycling each month at the cost of \$450 and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Brush Burning: Daller gave the board a quote of \$900 from Borek Services to burn the brush on the south side of the Smyrna Cemetery. Johnson moved that we give the job to Borek Services and Daller supported. 5-0 approved

Dell Windows 2019 Server & Windows 10: Sower reported that she had been in contact with Betsy from Addorio on this matter. The decision was made that we have to have the Server before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020, but we would try and upgrade all the computers to Windows 10 and see how it goes. The new server would be purchased at a cost of \$3,819.12 and installation would be \$2000 with Veritas Backup at \$1,480 for a total of \$7,299.12. The cost to upgrade all the computers would be \$160 for each one, total cost would be \$1,120. Johnson moved that we get the new server and have the computers updated and Daller supported.

Roll Call Vote; Oatley, yes – Zeigler, yes – Sower, yes – Johnson, yes – Daller, yes.. 5-approved

#### New Business:

Fire Extinguishers: The fire extinguishers that we now have at the hall have been tagged after the inspection of them, inoperable. Summit that inspected them stated that they are old and need to be replace, they sent us a quote for 3 new extinguishers at the cost of \$195, they also would like us to renew a contract with them for 5 years at the cost of \$45 a year for inspections. Johnson moved that we order the extinguishers and get the contract and Oatley supported. There was much discussion about this: cost, inspection and etc. From the audience there were some comments. Gib Brown suggested that we could get them cheaper on EBAY and summit will still inspect them. Daller suggested that Sower will call them with some questions and get back to Daller and he will get ahold of Brown and a decision would be made before next months' meeting.

Land Division-Breimayer, Forrest & Janet: Johnson moved that we approve the land division and Zeigler supported. 5-0 approved

Master Plan: Johnson stated that the planning commission thinks that we do not need to go through the whole master plan but just fix what we need to for the situation on M-44 and the Industrial Zoning. To revamp the Master Plan would take a lot of time and cost about \$8,000-\$10,000. If we just deal with the major things now it would take approximately 6-9 months at a cost of \$2,500. Daller is going to get ahold of the Planner.

Outdoor Gathering Application- Lowell Classic Gravel Road Race: Daller read the application and stated that they cover their own insurance and in the past there have been no issues with this race taking place in Otisco Township on October 26th. Daller moved that we approve the application and Johnson supported. 5-0 approved

Public Comment: Jeff Hunter is not going to pay the \$25 to get a home occupation permit. He received a citation at the cost of \$100; he will see us in court. He stated that if anyone has a problem with his sign he will move it 6 foot and then it will not be in Otisco Township. Hunter stated that he thought Thomas was supposed to put up a fence before them starting using the property on Whites Bridge Rd. We do not need kids in the office during meetings or work times.

Kristie Warner-Walls thanked that board for moved forward with the zoning issue in a timely manner.

Gib Brown wanted to know about getting some quotes for new IT people. He will bring the quotes to Daller.

Mike Kooliman had some questions about the Industrial Zoning on M-44.

Final Board Comments: Where is the Tether Ball, Frank Mason is going to put a new rope on it. The light in the Treasurer/clerk office needs to be fixed.

At 9:03 the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower, Otisco Township Clerk