

**OTISCO TOWNSHP REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 @7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike
Roll Call: John Feuerstein, Trustee; Joe Borek, Trustee; Lynda Sower, Clerk;
Paula Byrne, Treasurer; Desmond Pike Supervisor
A short Prayer was given by Desmond Pike
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Agenda: Byrne moved to approve the agenda and Feuerstein supported.
3-1 passed yes-Byrne, Borek, Pike no-Sower abstained- Feuerstein

Approval minutes: July 11, 2023 – Feuerstein moved to approve the minutes and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

August 8, 2023 – Byrne moved to approve the minutes and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of payables & payroll: Byrne moved to approve the all accounts and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$12,158.08
Acct. Payables	11,455.81
Fire	<u>52,841.00</u>
TOTAL	\$76,454.89

Treasurers Report : All Board Members received this report.

Reports:

Township deputy: All Board members received a report.

Assessor: All Board members received a report.

Cemetery: We have room to bury more people

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they are working on a situation about an employee that works for the road Dept. that lives in Wisconsin. They are working on this. There is a Civil War Flag in the Ionia Court House. It is the last one in Michigan and they would like to have it to restore it and exhibit. The Vets want to restore it and leave it in Ionia. The work being done on Johnson Road is being paid for by Pitsch Landfill.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that the survey needs to go back and get fixed. They also talked about the Noise Ordinance and Public Gathering Ordinance.

ZBA: Feuerstein reported No Meeting

Zoning Administrator: Board has report

Unfinished Business

Hall Expansion: At this time Bethany, our CPA explained some information about the money that is available. We have \$246,000 of ARPA money that can be used for the building and the General Fund has plenty of money to use for this project. The ARPA money must be spent by 2026.

Shed: Borek presented two quotes for a shed; Menards- 12x16 -\$3,350.21 and Midwest Manufacturing- 10x10 - \$2704.85. No decision was made. Borek is going to get more bids.

Repairs/Sinkhole- We need to get quotes and suggestions on how to fix this problem.

Recycling: Borek moved to discontinue all township recycling on Township property and Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote – Pike yes-Byrne yes- Borek yes-Feuerstein yes- Sower no
4-1 approved

New Business

2023 Tax Rate Millage request for County Board: Pike stated that the request had been figured out and needs to be sent to the county. It is the L 4029 for Otisco Township.

Feuerstein moved to approve the L4029 forms and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Voting Otisco/Montcalm: Pike stated that he, Byrne and Sower had a meeting about the election in November 2023. We have approximately 12 voters in Otisco Township that live in the Greenville School District, and they are having something on the ballot on Nov. Since Belding does not, we do not have to open polls for these few people and they have been annexed into Eureka Township. This has been done for years.

ACH -Electronic Funds Transfer - Sower has received a request to pay Corrigan who works for the Ionia Road Dept. that delivers brine. Sower is going to get ahold of the Ionia Road Dept. We would need a policy to do this.

Public Gathering Ordinance – review - There was discussion about the ordinance and Feuerstein moved to repeal the ordinance, no support. Jim Dozeman will look at it and write a short ordinance to help with the matter.

Noise Ordinance – Jim Dozeman, Township Lawyer, stated that we need to look at these ordinances. Borek moved that we take steps to banish this ordinance and Pike supported.
3-2 approved Pike-yes, Borek-yes, Byrne-yes, Sower-no, Feuerstein-no

Private Drives: Feuerstein moved to approve Private Driveway Resolution .and Sower supported.. The Lawyer ask if they were put in according to the rules of the township. Pike stated that they were set up to the roads requirement. Roll Call Vote Feuerstein,yes- Borek,no Byrne, yes -Pike,no-Sower,no 2-3 failed

Trees on Township Property: Borek stated that he got a call from Pike stating that a tree was down in Otisco Cemetery. Borek found someone that would get the tree removed. Pike than told him that we needed three bids before this could be done. There was discussion about the three bids and how the board should handle this.

Thacker Salvage Yard Renewal: Borek moved that we renew the Thacker permit and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Lowell Classic Gravel Road Race – Byrne moved to allow the Lowell Road Race to take place in Otisco Township on October 28, 2023 and Pike supported.
3-2 approved Yes-Pike,Sower,Byrne No-Feuerstein, Borek

Closed Session: 9:15 .m.- Close Meeting and go into closed session per the attorneys advice. Feuerstein moved to go to closed session and Byrne supported.
Roll Call Vote – Feuerstein, yes- Borek,no – Byrne,yes – Pike, yes- Sower,no. Jim Dozeman, the Attorney stated that you have to have a two-thirds vote to enter into closed session, which would be four. 2-3 failed

Public Comment: There was some comments about recycling & cemetery tree trimming

At 9:28 meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted By:

Lynda Sower