

OTISCO TOWNSHIP BUDGET MEETING
January 28, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was call to order by Supervisor, Bruce Feuerstein.

Roll Call: Joe Borek, Trustee; Stephanie Wireman, Trustee; Paula Byrne, Treasurer;
Vicky Byrne, Clerk; Bruce Feuerstein, Supervisor

Opening Prayer was given by Feuerstein.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Joe moved to approve the agenda supported by Paula.

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Brief Public Comment- No public in attendance.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A: Setting of wages & township fees: All votes were by roll call.

1) Moved by Paula supported by Bruce, All officers and all committee rates of pay will remain the same as the previous year. Passed 5-0

2) Moved by Paula, supported by Stephanie, Zoning Administrator, Assessor and Deputy Assessor will stay at previous year rates, with Deputy Assessor keeping the same per parcel rate, with an annual cap of \$5,000. Passed 5-0

3) Moved by Joe, supported by Stephanie, We authorize the addition of a scanning clerk to assist in digitizing records. Hourly rate will be \$16.00 per hour with an annual cap of \$5,000. Passed 5-0

4) Moved by Joe, supported by Vicky, The Handyman wage will be \$18.00 per hour with the same annual cap as deputies of \$12,000. Additionally, we will change the account name to Maintenance. Passed 5-0

5) Moved by Paula, supported by Vicky, the cemetery record keeper salary will be lowered to \$1,200 per year. Failed 2-2 with Vicky abstaining.

6) Moved by Joe, supported by Paula, the cemetery record keeper salary will be lowered to \$1,500 per year. Passed 3-1, with Stephanie voting No, and Vicky abstaining.

7) Moved by Joe, supported by Stephanie, we will reimburse for township mileage at the IRS calendar year rate, currently \$0.70 for 2025. Passed 5-0

8) Moved by Joe, supported by Paula, the rates to Open/Close Graves for Adult, Baby Vault, and Infant will increase by \$50 each with Summer now being Adult \$500, Baby Vault \$250, Infant \$225; Winter rates will now be Adult \$600, Baby Vault \$350, Infant \$325. Cremation rates will remain the same as the prior year.

9) Moved by Paula, supported by Bruce, to keep all township fees the same as the prior year.

B: Budget

Talked through departments up to 262 Elections, with some research needed on amounts in General Service Admin for next meeting. To be continued.

C: General Appropriations Act – not addressed yet. Next meeting.

Extended Public- None

Final Board Comments: we will continue working on the budget next meeting, Feb 3rd

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45pm, moved by Joe, supported by Vicky.

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Minutes Submitted by Vicky Byrne, Clerk