

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING *CORRECTED*
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 @ 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; Paula Byrne, Treasurer;
Lynda Sower, Clerk; Desmond Pike, Supervisor

A short Prayer was given by Desmond Pike.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: There was a few additions to add; addition, budget, Kore-Hi, & cemetery. Byrne moved to approve the budget with the additions and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Brief Comments: Cara Johnson talked about the addition and the ad that did not get put in the paper. About board members missing meetings.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jan. 9, 2024 – Feuerstein moved to approve and Byrne supported . 5-0 approved

Jan. 24, 2024 – Byrne moved to approve and Borek supported.
5-0 approved

Jan. 29, 2024 – Feuerstein moved to approve and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Byrne moved to approve the bills and payroll and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$12,425.55
Accts. Payable	\$22,865.50
Fire	<u>\$52,841.00</u>
TOTAL	\$88,132.05

Treasurer’s Report: The board received a report. Byrne stated that Feb. 14th was the last day to pay taxes with no penalties.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Tefft gave a report of 3 crashes, civil disputes, and assaults. He stated it was a usual month.

Assessor: Board Members received a report from Sally Frain. Pike stated that the Board of Review was coming soon for people that wanted to discuss their taxes. The meetings are March 11, from 3 p.m. – 9p.m. and March 12, from 9:30a.m. - 3:30p.m

Cemetery Committee: There was no meeting

Planning Commission: No meeting

ZBA: No meeting

Zoning Administrator: The board received a report from Larry Mercer.

Hall Expansion Committee: Pike stated that there had been no ad in the paper requesting bids

Unfinished Business

Hall Expansion Contractor: The contractor that backed out of the building of the expansion has offered to let the next contractor use the drawings, but no stamp will be on them. Borek wanted to know if the ground had been tested. There was discussion about a civil Engineer being hired. After much discussion Sower moved to stop all talk about the expansion, as it appears that it will not get done before the election of new officers in November. *At this point wanted to Pike know if Sower wanted to add anything to the motion about the ARPA, Sower answered yes to use that ARPA money for the remodeling and Borek supported. Roll Call Vote: Lynda=yes; John=no; Joe=yes; Paula=no; Des=no Failed 3-2*

There was about a forty minute discussion about what everyone wanted to have happen at this time. Feuerstein finally suggested that we explore remodeling of the hall. Pike stated that this was a good idea. He then ask Sower if she wanted to still explore the remodeling of the hall and she answered Yes. Pike than asked Feuerstein if he supported this investigation of the remodeling of the hall and Feuerstein supported. Pike wants to get it in the paper for people to look it over. Row Call Vote: Borek-Borek-no; Byrne=yes; Sower=yes; Feuerstein=yes; Pike=yes 4-1 approved

Policies: The board was given a pack of papers from Manor Costerian : With in the packet were policies for; ACH/EFT- Conflict of Interest- Fraud Risk- Capital Assets- Capital disposal- Investment Policies. Byrne moved not to accept these and Borek supported. All Board Members agreed. 5-0

New Business:

2024-2025 Budget Resolutions and General Appropriations Act: This will be happening at the March meeting and it will be a public hearing- put in paper and website.

Resolution for the Acceptance of Payments by Financial Transaction Device: Byrne presented the board with a resolution that she had made for this action and Feuerstein moved to accept the resolution and Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote: All members replied yes. 5-0 approved

Kore-Hi computer for Sally: The Assessor, Sally, has been using her own computer for her job, but it will not work with our new system, Kore-Hi has quoted for us a new computer for Sally at the cost of \$1014. Sower moved that we purchase this computer and Feuerstein supported

Roll Call Vote: Byrne=yes; Sower=yes; Feuerstein=yes; Borek=no; Pike=yes 4-1 approved

Pike stated that the Otisco information will be erased from Sally's computer

Borek stated that he would like to terminate the Cemetery Committee as of March 1, 2024. He also stated that Lynda does all the paperwork for the cemetery and Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote: Sower-yes; Feuerstein-no; Borek-yes; Byrne-yes; Pike-no. 3-2 approved

Extended Public Comment:

Cara Johnson wanted to know how you can approve minutes when you are not at the meeting, Millages are up this November. Good Call on the Cemetery.

Jeff Hunter: He stated that he did not approve of the warning about talking. Wanted to know if the new laptop was going to be used for only Otisco Business.

Joana Johnson: Stated that board members should come prepared to meetings. She also suggested that all members put a little effort in their jobs.

Kristie Warner-Walls: She questioned why the board did not go through the CPA's Resolutions, to see and compare to resolutions that we already have.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk