

**OTISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Pike.

A short Prayer was given by Pike.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll Call: Feuerstein, Trustee; Borek, Trustee; Byrne, Treasurer; Sower, Clerk; Pike, Supervisor

Approval of Agenda: Borek moved to approve the agenda with the addition of down branches in cemeteries', Sower supported motion. 5-0 approved

No Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2024; Feuerstein stated that he did not hear that the ARPA money would be used for the remodeling of the hall. Pike stated that we would compare recorders and see what we come up with. We will settle this at next month's meeting. Feuerstein moved to remove this motion and Byrne supported. 4-1 approved No vote was Sower.

Approval of Payables & Payroll:

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| Payroll | \$ 2532.00 election workers |
| | \$11,744.27 |
| Acct's Payable | \$22,251.46 |
| Fire | \$14,200.00 |
| Roads | \$ 1,347.50 |
| Sheriff | <u>\$ 3,639.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$55,714.23 |

Reports

Township Deputy: Deputy Tefft reported that there were 28 complaints, 7 criminal acts, 4 accidents and 1 open investigation of Fraud.

Cemetery Committee: Laura Staats wanted to give a last report for the Cemetery. They were in the process of trying to find out about all the graves that were found by the radar. She would like the board to continue this task and mark the unknown graves.

Planning Commission: Borek reported that the bike race would be in April.

Hall Expansion Committee: Approved to have blueprints taken to an architect.

New Business:

Roadside Mowing Bids: Greenops Road side mowing for each cut \$4250 - 2 cuts per year
Jablonski & Sons \$3372 – 2cuts per year
Byrne moved to hire Jablonski & Sons and Sower supported. 5-0 approved

Lawn Care mowing: Heether & Sons bid- 3 yr. contract \$8996.94 & \$40 hrly. extra work.
Jess Marco bid \$51,350 - \$60 hrly for extra work
Jonas Services \$15,000 - \$50 hrly for extra work
Greenop \$21,060 - \$80 hrly for extra work
Belding Lawn Care \$11,730 - \$13,230 if not paid by May 1st.
Scofield \$15,775 - \$75 hrly for extra work

Borek moved to take Marco bid out.

Pike moved to hire Heether & Sons for one year and then revisit it and Byrne supported.
5-0 approved

At this time the meeting was closed and the Public Hearing was opened – 7:59p.m.
Budget Resolutions for all board members and General Appropriations Act. Pike read each resolution for the board to vote on.

Supervisor \$19,600 same as previous year
Feuerstein moved to accept this amount and Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote all members voted yes 5-0 approved

Clerk \$20,100 same as previous year
Borek moved to accept this amount and Feuerstein supported. Roll Call Vote – all members voted yes 5-0 approved

Treasurer \$20,100 same as previous year
Sower moved to accept this amount and Feuerstein supported. Roll all Vote- all members voted yes 5-0 approved

Trustee \$4,300 same as previous year
Sower moved to accept this amount and Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote-all members voted yes 5-0 approved

Deputy Supervisor - \$18.00 Hourly same as previous year
Deputy Clerk - \$18.00 Hourly same as previous year
Deputy Treasurer - \$18.00 Hourly same as previous year
Assessor - \$23,400 same as previous year
Zoning Admin \$17,360 same as previous year
Cemetery Record \$4,000 same as previous year
Janitorial \$20.00 Hourly same as previous year

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| Planning Committee Members | \$85.00 per meeting |
| Chair | \$95.00 per meeting |
| Secretary | \$110.00 per meeting |
| Zoning Board of Appeals Members | \$85.00 per meeting |
| Chair | \$95.00 per meeting |
| Secretary | \$110.00 per meeting |
| Board of Review Members | \$100.00 per meeting |
| Chair | \$110.00 per meeting |
| Secretary | \$110.00 per meeting |

Feuerstein moved to accept the committee wages and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Cemetery Fees \$150 Residents and Past Residents
 \$450 Non Residents

Borek moved to accept these fees with the addition of Past Residents and Byrne supported.
5-0 approved

General Appropriations Act: Feuerstein moved to adopt this act and Byrne supported.
5-0 approved

Select Auditor: Pike stated that in the past the Gabridge had done our audits and now we have Manor Costerian to work out the numbers before the audit. Feuerstein moved to hire Gabridge again this year for the audit and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

End of Year Budget Review and Budget Amendments: Delbert Pike, Deputy Supervisor, stated that he has been working with the CPA and we do not need to do any amendments at this time, and the budget looks good.

Down Branches in the Cemeteries: There are branches that need to be cut that are hanging down in Smyrna Cemetery. Borek has inquired about someone going and doing this job, he has someone from Gutter Solutions that will do the job for \$800. Feuerstein moved that we get Joe's guy to work at the cemeteries and Pike supported. 5-0 approved

Amend Agenda: Pike needed an approval to add Bike Race to the agenda. Sower moved that we do so and Byrne supported. The bike race will be April 6th. It is the same group that has passed thru our township for several years. 4-1 Approved No vote was Borek

Public Comment: Laura Staats wanted to let the people know that she and Louis had come to the hall to surrender their ballots and when they got her, Joe Borek and Cara Johnson were in the office and Cara was over by Lynda's computer. And she surmised that there was something going on. She stated that she was told by Lynda that she would take care of the ballots. It was not done in her timeframe. She stated that she had told Lynda that they wanted to go the Ionia

to do the early voting. Kendra Bailey had called her on the weekend and said it was done. Sower stated that she had been trying to get an email from the County Clerk and could not receive it. So when Cara walked in she ask her if she had some idea of how she could receive it.

Dan from United Way came to let the people know that if they needed help with taxes or anything they could call 211 and they could help them.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.


Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk