

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor Connie Lacko, Trustee
 Cheryl Lane, Treasurer Brian Bresette, Trustee

Absent: Catherine Kimar, Clerk

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

The treasurer presented the bills for payment.

A motion was made to pay the monthly bills as amended:

- » \$7,537.17 for the general fund, checks #4925 to #4954;
- » \$1,633.98 for the fire fund, checks #2009-2011 and #2013-2018; and
- » \$6,056.03 for the solid waste fund, check #1209.
- » The supervisor insisted that check #2012 (fire dept – brake parts) not be paid at this time because he wanted to know why it was not billed to the township and why it was being paid out of the fire fund. He also questioned who Eric Koronka was and where he was from.

The treasurer explained that Eric Koronka had been on the fire department for several years and lived down the road from her. She also read the bills for brake parts to the board.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the monthly balance sheet and profit & loss statements for the general fund, fire fund, solid waste fund and tax fund as amended.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Terry Pihlainen
Connie Lacko
Brian Bresette

Gen: 647,247.64
Fire: 260,674.82
SW: 108,300.47
Tax: 136,844.34

B. Assessor Report

The treasurer read the report from the assessor (*copy on file*).

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The zoning administrator report was received late Monday and thus not available at the meeting; however a copy is on file.

D. Fire Department Report

The treasurer read the Fire Department Report (*copy on file*).

The board discussed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources having vehicles available. The supervisor suggested that himself and one of the trustees go look at the available vehicles. Trustee Bresette felt that the fire department should be involved in this decision.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette explained that there was no quorum for the December meeting, so he had nothing to report. He was concerned that the Planning Commission would find remote/virtual meetings unsuitable to their needs, and they were unsure how to go forward with their scheduled meetings.

The supervisor said to his understanding, the Planning Commission could cancel their meetings as long as they held four meetings per year, even if the meeting schedule is posted.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Attended a recycling meeting, the cost would be high (two additional mills on garbage fund), according to Waste Management.

A motion was made to send out letters or postcards to see if there's support/interest for a recycling program and secondly if residents would be willing to pay for it from a millage increase.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

- * An Interlocal Agreement for Alger County to approve a designated assessor through 2026 was received. This needs to be approved by all township boards. The supervisor did not wish to approve this until he looked into it more.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:40 pm

Comment was received from: John Highlen on opposition to a recycling millage and that he had received nothing yet from the DNR on Tyoga; and Terry Lane on the dumpster situation being difficult for plowing & if the township could get another dumpster.

Closed: 7:56 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting Schedule Resolution

The meeting schedule for 2021-22 fiscal year was prepared by the clerk.

A motion was made to adopt the 2021-22 fiscal year meeting schedule by resolution.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Brian Bresette
Terry Pihlainen
Connie Lacko

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:58 pm

none

Closed: 7:59 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Cheryl – township hall porches should be shoveled more often/regularly.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Onota Township Treasurer
Proposed: 4-Jan-2021
Approved: 1-Feb-2021