

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor Susan Kerst, Treasurer
 Brian Bresette, Trustee Kirsten Englund, Clerk

Members Absent: Sarah Redmond, Trustee

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Treasurer Kerst presented the bills for payment.

A motion was made to pay the bills as presented for payment for \$7,740.55 for the general fund checks #2901 to #2925; \$227.82 for the fire fund, checks #1504 to #1507; and \$4,782.56 for the solid waste fund check #1101.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the balance sheet and profit and loss statements for the general fund, fire fund, solid waste fund and tax fund as presented by Clerk Englund for March 2015.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Susan Kerst
Motion carried

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Terry Pihlainen
 Brian Bresette
 Susan Kerst
 Kirsten Englund

B. Assessor Report

Kim Schmidt stated the Board of Review [Organizational] meeting will be held 3/3/15, and sessions for appealing assessments will be 3/9-10.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

Wil Christensen gave a brief summary for the month, a copy is on file.

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the Fire Department Report. There were 2 calls in February. A copy is on file.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette stated the meeting was not held due to absence of a quorum.

F. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Pihlainen noted that in discussions with the attorney on the garbage issue, our sign is acceptable- if residents are dumping items that are not allowable, it is a trespassing issue. Options were discussed of appointing someone to write tickets for infractions, and looking into possible fines/fees for trespassing.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Englund noted incoming newsletters are in the folder for the board to review.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:33 p.m.

Comment was received from Terry Lane & Catherine Kimar.

Public Comment was closed at 7:36 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fire Department website transfer

Catherine stated she used a different content management system for her site than the township uses. Supervisor Pihlainen reminded we need to be all on one site according to MTA. Catherine stated they want \$65 per hour to do this work, she offered to do it for us.

A motion was made by Terry Pihlainen to pay Catherine \$25 per hour to move the fire department website content to the township website and to make it mobile friendly.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Board of Review

Supervisor Pihlainen made a motion to reappoint the current Board of Review members Lori Wycoff, Adair Mika, and Dale Moseler, to a new term that will end on December 31, 2016.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

B. Discussion of Board's level of police powers of authority

Supervisor Pihlainen stated this was covered during the discussion of the garbage issue.

C. 2015 Audit

Clerk Englund presented the expense for the upcoming audit from Anderson Tackman for \$5,800.

A motion was made by Brian Bresette to pay the \$5,800 for this year's audit.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

D. Millage request for 2015-16 budget

A motion was made to request 1.9864 mills for the Solid Waste fund and base our 2015-16 budget on the 1.9864 mills.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

A motion was made to request 1.4898 mills for the Fire Fund and base our 2015-16 budget on the 1.4898 mills.

Motion: Kirsten Englund

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

A motion was made to request 1.9864 mills for the General Fund and base our 2015-16 budget on the 1.9864 mills.

Motion: Kirsten Englund

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Bresette to adopt by resolution the Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines and Asset Test. Resolution 2015-01.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brian Bresette

Susan Kerst

Kirsten Englund

Terry Pihlainen

E. Budget meeting date prior to setting Public Hearing date

A special meeting was set for Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30 p.m.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 8:09 p.m.
Public comment was received from Terry Lane.
Public comment was closed at 8:10 p.m.

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Susan Kerst: Shared concern that several folks had contacted her this year that stated they didn't get their tax bills.

Brian Bressette: None

Kirsten Englund: None

Terry Pihlainen: Noted that he and Kim Schmidt are revamping the office to add another desk and adding shelving material to make more space.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Motion: Susan Kerst
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Englund
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 03-02-2015
Approved: 03-11-2015