

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor Brian Bresette, Trustee
 Cheryl Lane, Treasurer Catherine Kimar, Clerk

Absent: Connie Lacko, Trustee

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended (*add Delores Dolan letter to correspondence & add "recreation plan" as an item under new business*).

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2/19/18 special meeting as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

The treasurer presented the bills for payment.

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

- » \$9,911.72 for the general fund, checks #4319 to #4339;
- » \$380.88 for the fire fund, checks #1882 to #1886; and
- » \$5,105.97 for the solid waste fund, check #1174.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
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 presented by the clerk.

Motion: Brian Bresette	<u>Roll call vote</u>
Support: Cheryl Lane	Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.	Terry Pihlainen
	Brian Bresette
	Catherine Kimar

B. Assessor Report

No report was received.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The clerk read the report from the zoning administrator (*copy on file*).

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the Fire Department Report (*copy on file*). The supervisor also reported that the Shauvers were still interested in the exchange of land in turn for running electricity to the site on top of the hill between Deerton & Shelter Bay. He said he would request specific costs from Alger-Delta on extending the electrical grid to that location (with a possible thought of connecting the Deerton & Shelter Bay grids). The board also discussed the requested equipment costs and need.

A motion was made to approve up to \$2,850 for two rescue struts (extrication stabilization).

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Brian Bresette
Terry Pihlainen
Cheryl Lane
Catherine Kimar

A motion was made to approve up to \$1,800 for a portable (handheld) 800 MHz radio.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Terry Pihlainen
Brian Bresette
Catherine Kimar

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that the Zoning Administrator had received an offer of a \$50,000 bond (to be held in escrow to secure demolition of the tower structure in the event of obsolescence or abandonment, as required by the wireless structure ordinance) from AT&T.

The supervisor requested that the Planning Commission minutes be included as part of the board packet. Bresette noted that this would be limited to approved minutes, so it will be the meeting from two months prior (not the most recent one). The clerk also added that, even if included, they could not replace the monthly report, as that is the liaison's duty. The supervisor still felt it was important, so the clerk said she would try to do so in the future.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Generator – Swick will run the gas line to the generator within the next week (the clerk noted that she still hadn't received the bill for the generator from Imperial Electric, and the supervisor said he had requested it several times but would contact them again).
- * Boat launch – as the USFS requires equal cost & participation, the exact tasks that each entity will be responsible for will be delineated in upcoming meetings. Also, to receive grants, the recreation plan needs to be adopted.
- * Road easements/title search – the results were received from Alger Title (dating back to 1953). The supervisor will make copies for the board members (and possibly attorney) to review. Shane Gibson is still preventing the sled dog racers from using the road/bridge, and continues to be hostile to anyone who uses the road.

G. FOIA report

The clerk stated she had received two FOIA requests: (1) for Planning Commission minutes; and (2) employee & payroll details for the past year (*from a Florida-based non-profit group that annually makes this request, claiming that it is advocating for transparency at all levels of government. Unclear if they actually have a use for the data*).

V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk read a letter from Delores Dolan thanking the board for the opportunity to attend the highly informative MTA training on Board of Review duties & proceedings.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:31 pm

Comment received from:

- * John Highlen on the status of the Tyoga Trail friends group – an acting treasurer has been appointed and the paperwork is being filed, soon they can begin to apply for grants;
- * Char McDonnell on the need for a publicly available list of the conditions of the Onota Hill cell tower permit, as they are not listed in the minutes or in any of the documents relating to the cell tower. She stated that the public had given significant input on this matter and she felt there should be written evidence that it was taken into consideration when compiling the conditions for approval (*Trustee Bresette offered to provide her a list of the current conditions*);
- * Terry Lane on the accessibility ramp being relocated away from the roof eaves and the potential of moving the dumpsters to the parking lot.

Closed: 7:45 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Special Meeting date

The board scheduled a special meeting for the budget public hearing, budget amendment, and recreation plan review on 3/13/19 at 12 pm (*note: this was later changed to 3/15 to give the public more notice, due to the Munising News being published on Wednesdays*).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recreation Plan

Trustee Bresette presented an updated recreation plan draft for the board to review at a future date.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:54 pm

Comment received from: Char McDonnell on (1) the cell tower concerns that the public had requested as conditions (lights + shielding, color of structure, other communication devices being allowed on tower, Bohnak driveway easement, area of fall zone vs leased land, tower design & guy-wires) (2) asking the size of a bobcat (*the clerk answered that they were an average of 20 lbs & slightly larger than a domestic cat*).

Closed: 8:05 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Catherine – snowbank on the west side of the firehall (discussed with Terry Lane & Brian Bresette).

No other concerns were expressed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Motion: Catherine Kimar

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk

Proposed: 3/4/19

Approved: 3/15/19