

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at

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

Connie Lacko, Trustee
Brian Bresette, Trustee

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended (add Veteran's Memorial under new business).

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
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:

March 31

- » \$4,927.05 general fund, checks #5651-5684;
- » \$374.01 fire fund, check #2145; and
- » \$6,061.54 solid waste fund, check #1253.

April 3

- » \$6,652.33 general fund, checks #5670-5683
- » \$5,258.27 fire fund, checks #2146-2148; and
- » \$123.73 solid waste fund, check #1254.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
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: Cheryl Lane
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

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

March 31

Gen: 747,103.70
Fire: 389,688.06
SW: 166,842.52
Tax: 2,081.85

April 3

Gen: 740,451.37
Fire: 384,429.79
SW: 166,718.79

B. Assessor Report

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

C. Zoning Administrator Report

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

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the report – there were no calls in April (*copy on file*).

E. Planning Commission Report

None received.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Road assessment with Bob Lindbeck of Alger Co Road Commission

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- * MDOT – M28 culvert replacement in Onota Township this summer.
- * Insurance company – PFAS injuries or liabilities are no longer covered by insurance.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:10 pm

Comment was received from:

Charlene McDonell on M28 highway repairs upcoming, and the power pole on Deer Lake Hill

Andy Sommer on M28 culvert replacements.

Joan Potter-Sommer on an environmental awareness program celebrating Earth Day this month, and herbicide application along roadsides for invasive species control.

Closed: 7:16 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Public Donation Procedure

The board discussed developing a procedure to accept public donations, and the clerk will contact Michigan Township Association (MTA).

B. Kitchen Project

The board held a heated discussion on the project for the kitchen.

A motion was made to rescind the motion for the kitchen project (Catherine Kimar abstained).

Motion: Terry Pihlainen	<u>Roll call vote</u>
Support: Connie Lacko	Ayes: Terry Pihlainen Nays: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.	Connie Lacko
	Brian Bresette

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CD Interest Rate

The board discussed the CD interest rate and possibility of combining them. The treasurer asked Jarrod Biebel to comment from the floor on the ideal process to keep FDIC coverage, and she will contact MTA and report back.

B. Veteran Memorial Request

The Veteran Memorial at Bayshore Park in Munising requested donations for repair.

The supervisor will check with MTA as to if veterans are a special population that local government can donate to.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:42 pm

Comment was received from:

Terry Lane – ARPA funds could be used for handicap ramp being covered.

Jarrod Biebel – feels the kitchen project should be completed.

Closed: 7:44 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Connie – (1) MTA book order (2) number of fire personnel.

Catherine – (1) Fix door lock on women's bathroom. (2) Balustrade is loose.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Cheryl Lane

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk

Proposed: 4/3/23

Approved: 5/1/23