

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Supervisor Pihlainen noted that Deputy Clerk Blackstock would be taking the minutes.

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor Cheryl Lane, Treasurer
 Brian Bresette, Trustee Kirsten Blackstock, Deputy Clerk
 Connie Lacko, Trustee

Absent: Catherine Kimar, Clerk

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Brian Bresette
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:

- » \$13,098.92 for the general fund, checks #5351 to #5372;
- » \$3,878.56 for the fire fund, checks #2097 to #2100; and
- » \$6,224.35 for the solid waste fund, checks #1235-1237.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
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 Roll call vote
Support: Cheryl Lane Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried. Terry Pihlainen
 Connie Lacko
 Brian Bresette

Gen: \$707,245.21
Fire: \$338,251.07
SW: \$157,110.52
Tax: \$2,091.05

B. Assessor Report

The deputy clerk read the report dated 4-27-22 from the assessor (*copy on file*).

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The deputy clerk read the report dated 4-29-22 from the zoning administrator (*copy on file*).

D. Fire Department Report

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

There was no activity in April, but Onota Township hosted the county-wide firefighter meeting.

Trustee Bresette then brought up that he wanted to know why our Fire Department was not dispatched to Whitefish Road over the weekend? It was noted to ask Catherine upon her return to find out.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that they are still waiting on envelopes for the surveys - should be out in the next 3 weeks.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Reporting for ARPA funds
- * Looking into whether or not we have to go to bids for the kitchen cabinets.
- * He was supposed to be sent info but has not received it yet.
- * The dock is in at the boat launch- cost was \$861.99.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- * *none*

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:13 p.m.

Comment was received from:

- * John Highlen - Tyoga update: Dept of Natural Resources waiting on paperwork for long term lease; they still want to do it, it's in good shape to open. Terry stated he will get envelopes made up and ready. Also, there's a possibility the south bridge at Tyoga will be replaced.
- * Terry Lane - asked about number of personnel on fire department.
- * Gary Spack - Hole on Onota Hill road
- * Matt Watkeys - New newspaper starting in Munising. He has taken over Alger Conservation District.

Closed: 7:23 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution on Small Rural Township Operations

Supervisor Pihlainen tabled this until the next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:24 pm

Comment was received from:

- * Gloria Rinne – asked about contract for garbage collection.
- * Michael Coller - asked about work starting on Onota Road.
- * Terry Lane – asked about work starting on Peter White Road.

Closed: 7:35 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Kirsten/Catherine – Table & chair rental needs to be changed. Anyone taking them off township property must sign an equipment rental sheet, and the tables/chairs should be inspected before/after rental by the board member who is involved with the rental. It needs to be emphasized that they should not be left out in the rain. No further public use of card tables. They are needed for elections (to comply with ADA voting booths) and too easily damaged.

Terry stated he would like to see a deposit prior to them being taken and look at wording in the policy.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock
Onota Township Deputy Clerk
Proposed: 5/2/22
Approved: 6/6/22