

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor
Cheryl Lane, Treasurer
Kirsten Blackstock, Deputy Clerk
Absent: *None*

Connie Lacko, Trustee
Brian Bresette, Trustee
Catherine Kimar, Clerk

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended to add Clerk resignation letter.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
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 presented:

- » \$27,883.08 for the general fund, checks #5704 to #5733;
- » \$237.94 for the fire fund, checks #2152 to #2154; and
- » \$6,183.97 for the solid waste fund, checks #1256-1257.

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 deputy clerk.

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

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

Gen: \$745,036.35
Fire: \$380,017.55
SW: \$154,807.96
Tax: \$81.05

B. Assessor Report

Cameron was in attendance; equalization preps and will export tax roll in June. Cam will have to update all legal postings/policy on the website.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The deputy clerk read the report from the zoning administrator dated June 1, 2023. (*copy on file*).

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar reported that there was 1 call on a possible wildfire reported by a gravel truck, and 1 call for a car accident last month.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that Dotty did not attend the last meeting, not much progress due to that. Also spoke about lobbyists wanting to change the control of who has jurisdiction when it comes to gravel/sand pits.

F. Supervisor Report

Supervisor spoke about the Power lines- the crews are progressing on the 2-phase (1 to school 1 to Shelter Bay), 3-phase at some point if the need arises.

Contract on the Tyoga Campground- 15 year lease, \$20/nite/site (4 sites), Use monies for township or upkeep of property. All board members agreed if a pull-out clause is added.

Brownfield Authority: 4 properties have given consent, Unsure of when cleaning would take place if the grants are awarded.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

* *none*

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:17

Comment was received from:

Matt Watkeys: June 10th wildflower/native plants, Habitat improvement, Tree planting was completed at turnaround, and still planning for scrap tire collection Sept 15-16 with roll off.

Joan Potter: Pleased with tree planting, Question on wood left by line work, Short term rentals, Renewable energy program info.

Sue Schwemin: Question on campground- road is bad/ trees need cutting back. Bridge strong enough for fire trucks to cross.

Closed: 7:34 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Carbonite Renewal

Renewal for yearly subscription coming up in July, last year was \$287.99, Yes OK to pay this bill and renew.

B. Clerk Resignation Letter

Clerk Kimar turned in a letter of resignation; Supervisor Pihlainen read the letter stating that Clerk Kimar was resigning effective June 15th, 2023. He thanked her for all she did for the township and residents.

A motion was made to accept the resignation.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:37 p.m.

Terry Lane: He does plowing of Risku Road- there is a wet spot by tree - need a culvert? Onota Hill fixed?

Closed: 7:39 p.m.

X. BOARD CONCERNS

none

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock
Onota Township Deputy Clerk
Proposed: 6/5/23
Approved: 6/15/23