

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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 (*remove Kelly Livermore from reports, add Chicken Complaints under new business*).

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Catherine Kimar
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:

- » \$12,546.10 for the general fund, checks #5403-26;
- » \$840.78 for the fire fund, checks #2104-07; and
- » \$6,104.31 for the solid waste fund, check #1239.

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: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

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

Gen: 707,099.36
Fire: 341,831.91
SW: 151,330.99
Tax: 86.05

B. Assessor Report

No report received.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

No report received.

D. Fire Department Report

The fire chief reported that there were no calls in June.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that the Planning Commission is waiting on the surveys to come back. Section 5/Lake Superior Point Trail residents were present and expressed concern about the vacation rental occurring on their road.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Board of Review will be held July 21 at noon.
- * Waiting on contractors to come make estimate on costs for the kitchen / door update project.
- * Tentative date for dumpster rolloff: Sept 16-17, 2022
- * Cemetery - Marked plot for Volkema family, discussing tree species for cemetery with Matt Watkeys from Alger County Conservation District (ACCD).

G. Tyoga Campground

John Highlen – Campground is operational - people have been using the campsites. He has also been walking the trail with a chainsaw to check for downed trees every few weeks. DNR agreement will be finalized by fall. Portable toilet condition will be checked by volunteers for maintenance.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:12 pm

Comment was received from:

- * John Highlen - cars may be parked along M28 on July 15, as there is a bird habitat event being held;
- * Mark Fisher - the status of the Tioga Tavern site being cleaned up and condition of Peter White Road.

Closed: 7:20 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hall/Table Rental Policy

The board had discussed whether or not a fee had to be charged by the township for use of the township hall by service organizations or groups making a profit. Trustee Lacko will contact the Michigan Township Association about this matter again, because their representative told her a fee *must* be charged, but on their website, it states that it is up to the township board whether or not fees are charged.

B. Urinal Installation/Bidding Policy

Terry Lane installed the urinal in the men's bathroom and requested \$250 compensation for doing this work. The supervisor stated that he felt this work was covered by the regular salary of maintenance personnel. A discussion was held regarding what maintenance work is covered under monthly salary, as opposed to being paid as a separate labor charge. It was agreed that clear communication was a critical issue for all parties, as the board must follow state and fiscal procedures.

A motion to made to pay Terry Lane \$125 (half of the labor that he submitted a bill for) for the installation of the urinal.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chicken Complaints

The township supervisor received multiple complaints about two residents in Shelter Bay having

chickens that were reportedly disturbing several neighbors.

A discussion was held. The board felt it was important to contact each property owner to discuss the issue as a first step. If the situations do not improve, other relevant agencies could be notified at a later date, but the property owners should first be given the opportunity to remedy the issues.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:52 pm

Comment was received from:

- * Terry Lane on people leaving scrap metal by the dumpsters;
- * Mark Fisher on the wages for dumpster rolloff workers.

Closed: 7:55 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Catherine – Hall will be used Wednesday July 13 from 9-11 am for election training.

Connie – Add MTA book purchases for all board and commission members to next month's agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk

Proposed: 7/5/22

Approved: 8/1/22