

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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 (*add "Jerry Doucette" under other reports and "C. Township Hall Roof" 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:

- » \$7,590.34 for the general fund, checks #5427-5449;
- » \$170.77 for the fire fund, checks #2108-2110; and
- » \$6,333.66 for the solid waste fund, check #1240.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Catherine Kimar
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: 735,016.28
Fire: 341,669.57
SW: 145,003.47
Tax: 65,517.34

B. Assessor Report

The assessor was on vacation and did not submit a report.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The zoning administrator reported on zoning compliance permits approved, pending, and a zoning violation that he had addressed in Lakeshore & River district (*copy on file*).

D. Fire Department Report

The fire chief reported that there was one call in July (*copy on file*).

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that the surveys are still being waited on for return. Bill Dunham will be resigning from the Planning Commission and Fire Department as he is moving out of the area.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * The garbage truck driver accidentally damaged the side of the firehall, and the company will pay for the repairs if the township gets an estimate of the repair cost.
- * He is talking to Tim Prisk about possibly doing the kitchen update and will ask if he would also be willing to repair the side of the firehall.
- * He left messages for Northern Tree Service about the cemetery.
- * The payment envelopes for the Tyoga Campground are ready and will be picked up tomorrow.

G. County Commissioner candidate

Jerry Doucette gave a presentation on his candidacy, as with the redistricting update he now has Onota Township as part of his district. He stated that he will occasionally attend local meetings for the areas he oversees to address local residents' concerns. He made some literature on his background and experience available for the public and the board to review.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

none

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hall/Table Rental Policy

Trustee Lacko contacted Michigan Township Association again, who stated that charging for rental was at the discretion of the board. The board discussed the matter.

The clerk suggested asking other Alger County townships for copies of township hall policies to find out if they charge for the use of their halls. This matter will be revisited next month.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dell Computers quote

Last meeting, the supervisor mentioned that the back office was in need of a new computer. The township received a quote, but the supervisor will check with the assessor regarding specifications for any assessing software/needs and report back.

B. Postcard Draft Review

The clerk presented the board with a draft of the postcard to be sent to residents and taxpayers with details of the September dumpster rolloff event, summer tax deadline, November election, September meeting date, use of the township hall dumpsters, etc.

The supervisor stated there was a change in the landfill policy and that the postcard needed to be updated to state no tires.

The board discussed who would get these printed, stamped, and addressed. The township printers are unable to print on cardstock and there is no means of cutting the sheets into four cards. The clerk will update the postcard and email it to the supervisor tomorrow during election day.

C. Township Hall Roof

The clerk went into the attic during the state-mandated election hours (Sunday) to place some supplies in storage. She noticed that there was a hole at the peak of the roof significant enough that daylight was visible in the attic and showed the board a photo, so the problem could be assessed, as the attic is difficult to access.

Terry Lane will climb up on the roof and assess the situation.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:30 pm

Comment was received from: Terry Lane about cutting a dead tree down in the cemetery; Kelly Sassi asked about availability of recycling (*Jerry Doucette answered on behalf of the county – they are pursuing this issue*).

Closed: 7:37 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Brian – funeral/burial at cemetery, there were no tarps, shovels, rakes, picks, marking spray paint, etc for the public to use. The metal detector was not in the hall. The supervisor suggested Brian make a list for the sexton to get supplies.

Catherine – Interesting historical item - an annual bill for streetlights from 1948 was in one of the old state law books, the total was less than \$10.00 (*vs about \$1,730/year currently*).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Catherine Kimar
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 8/1/22
Approved: 9/6/22