# ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING August 4, 2014

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL** 

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor

Stephanie Bromley, Clerk

Susan Kerst, Treasurer

Sarah Redmond, Trustee Brian Bresette, Trustee

#### II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended

Motion: Sarah Redmond Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

#### III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion: Brian Bresette Support: Susan Kerst Motion carried.

#### IV. REPORTS

# A. Financial Report

Treasurer Kerst presented the bills for payment.

A motion was made to pay the bills as presented for payment for \$42,693.37 for the general fund checks #2705 to #2728; \$186.46 for the fire fund, check #1461 to #1464; and \$5,289.38 for the solid waste fund check #1093.

> Motion: Stephanie Bromley Support: Terry Pihlainen

Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the balance sheet and profit and loss statements for the general fund, fire fund, solid waste fund and tax fund as presented by Clerk Bromley for JULY 2014.

> Motion: Sarah Redmond Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Terry Pihlainen Sarah Redmond

> Brian Bresette Susan Kerst Stephanie Bromley

# B. Assessor Report

The Assessor, Kim Schmidt sent a monthly report and minutes from the July Board Of Review Meeting. Copies are on file.

#### C. Zoning Adm. Report

Zoning Administrator, Mike Tietjen attended the Board Meeting and gave the public information regarding a letter that was sent from residents expressing concerns over vacation rentals. Clerk Bromley read the letter and a copy is on file. Mr. Tietjen informed the public that the Ordinance clearly states "two weeks or LESS" as allotted amount of time an owner may rent property for recreational use. Mr. Tietjen, along with the Planning Commission, will discuss the matter at the next Planning Commission meeting. A copy of Mr. Tietjen's monthly report is on file.

# D. <u>Fire Department Report</u>

Clerk Bromley read the Fire Department Report. A copy is on file.

### E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Brian Bresette said that the Planning Commission had discussed, at length, the Rock River issue. He says that they will discuss the Rock River issue, again, at the next Planning Commission Meeting; along with the vacation rental issue.

#### F. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Pihlainen informed the Board that the Cemetery is completed and that Smith Paving, and Brian Bresette are great. Mr. Pihlainen says that he has enough volunteers and that the dumpster roll-off is scheduled for September 20 and 21 from 10am-5pm. He has also head nothing but nice comments from the construction completion of Deerton-Onota Road. Questions arose regarding the culvert (or lack thereof) on East Deer Lake Road. Supervisor Pihlainen will contact the Alger County Road Commission about the issue.

Supervisor Pihlainen stated that he had contact all resources with regards to the hazardous materials, continually dumped next to the dumpsters, that Great American Disposal refuses to haul away. He informed the Board that there are no dump sites or companies in Alger County that will take hazardous material waste. He will contact others about this and find out if there is anything that can be done.

### G. Audit Report

Clerk Bromley reported to the Board that the mini audit had been conducted by Anderson/Tackman and that it went well. Mike Gentz, accountant for Anderson/Tackman will be sending the final report soon, along with the F65 report as requested.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Bromley read the correspondence that had been received.

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at: 7:45 pm.

Comment was received from: Eli Schut, Gerald Gerou, Tom Bowler.

Public Comment was closed at: 8:07 pm.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## A. Website Discussion

Trustee Redmond notified the Board that all of the information has been submitted to Kelley Marketing and that they hope to have it up and running before the September regular meeting.

## B. <u>Dumpster Roll off</u>

Discussed under the Supervisor's report.

#### C. Well Discussion

Supervisor Pihlainen stated that he had talked with Mike Hakkula about digging a new pit and laying the water pipe lower to prevent freezing. Mr Hakkula believes his company can accomplish the job for less than \$500. Questions arose as to when and who drilled the initial well and pipe. Supervisor Pihlainen will look into the request and report back to the Board next month at the Regular Board Meeting.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. IUP Propane Contract

The Board reviewed the contracts from UP Propane offering rates per gallon for the next year.

A motion was made to accept the contract Price Insurance Program for the Township Hall and the Fire Hall at a rate of \$1.79 per gallon through May 1, 2015 and to pre-pay \$110.99 for the Township Hall and \$102.03 for the Fire Hall.

Motion: Stephanie Bromley Support: Brian Bresette Motion carried.

B. Postcard and Postage Cost Approval. A discussion was held over the postcard.

A motion was made to approve up to \$500 for the production and distribution of the Township Fall postcard.

Motion: Sarah Redmond Support: Brian Bresette Motion carried.

Motion carried

#### IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at: 8:26 pm

Public comment was received from: Eli Schut, Tom Bowler, Terry Lane.

Public comment was closed at: 8:30 pm

#### X. BOARD CONCERNS

Susan Kerst: NONE

Brian Bresette: Reminding the Board that a special meeting may be held in order to distribute the Trail funds to the Ojibwa Tribe for the maintenance of the snowmobile trails, in order to amend to budget to show funds. A special meeting was proposed for Tuesday August 12, 2014.

Terry Pihlainen: NONE Sarah Redmond: NONE Stephanie Bromley: NONE

# XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Motion: Stephanie Bromley Support: Brian Bresette Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Bromley, Onota Township Clerk Proposed: 8/4/2014 Approved: 8/12/2014