

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2018

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor                      Connie Lacko, Trustee  
            Cheryl Lane, Treasurer                              Catherine Kimar, Clerk

Absent: Brian Bresette, Trustee

**II. AGENDA**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended (*add "UPPCO ordinance" & "AuTrain Island Zoning" under new business*).

Motion: Cheryl Lane  
Support: Catherine Kimar  
Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Cheryl Lane  
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:

- » \$6,334.97 for the general fund, checks #4111 to #4137;
- » \$1,150.51 for the fire fund, checks #1831 to #1838; and
- » \$5,276.48 for the solid waste fund, check #1162.

Motion: Catherine Kimar  
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: Cheryl Lane	<u>Roll call vote</u>
Support: Connie Lacko	Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.	Terry Pihlainen
	Connie Lacko
	Catherine Kimar

B. Assessor Report

The clerk read the report from the assessor (*copy on file*).

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The zoning administrator gave a verbal summary of his report (*copy on file*).

A motion was made to waive the soil permit process and allow AT&T to include the soil analysis report on the building permit request.

Motion: Cheryl Lane  
Support: Connie Lacko  
Motion carried.

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the Fire Department Report. A copy is on file.

A motion was made to approve up to \$2,800 for a multi-gas detector and to replace the starter on the rescue truck.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Catherine Kimar  
Motion carried.

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

E. Planning Commission Report

Brian Bresette submitted a written report summarizing the actions of the Planning Commission at the public hearing regarding the zoning map amendment request for AuTrain Island (*copy on file*).

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- \* AuTrain-Onota School will be placing a new sign along M-28 with an electronic message board.
- \* Munising Landfill Authority – Around \$2,400 in fence repairs are needed at the old dump site. Onota Township will likely need to pay a share of this cost.

G. Tyoga Trail

A formal “Friends of Tyoga” group is being formed. This group is in the process of obtaining a 501c3 tax-exempt status, registering as an organization with the state, writing by-laws, and will be eligible to apply for grants as well as create a formal method of advocacy for the site. It was noted that the township will need to look the legality of notices and events for public groups like this being posted on the website. The group will continue to keep the township updated of progress.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

- \* CUPPAD – Headstart program (comment form)
- \* EBI Consulting – request for Planning Commission comments on Onota Hill AT&T tower
- \* Email complaints about N8057 Peter White Rd

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opened: 7:36 pm

Comment was received from: Jason Copeman on the easement issue mentioned in the zoning administrator report, Terry Lane on road erosion near the firehall.

Closed: 7:45 pm

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*NONE*

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Exterior Hall Cleaning

The supervisor reported that he had received a bid for cleaning the hall exterior, an activity that the board had previously advertised for bids on (and received no responses).

A motion was made to accept the bid of \$1,098.97 from Chris Haydon for cleaning as specified (clean exterior siding, windows, and repaint sign).

Motion: Catherine Kimar

Abstained: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Cheryl Lane  
Motion carried.

B. UPPCO Ordinance

A motion was made to pass the Upper Peninsula Power Company Ordinance as received to maintain the utility transmission lines for the requested period of time.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Cheryl Lane  
Motion carried.

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

C. AuTrain Island Zoning

A motion was made that the Township Board hold a second public hearing on the AuTrain Island Zoning map amendment request at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 4.

Motion: Catherine Kimar  
Support: Terry Pihlainen  
Motion carried.

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opened: 8:22 pm

*No public comment was received.*

Closed: 8:22 pm.

**X. BOARD CONCERNS**

Catherine – election tomorrow, polls open from 7 am to 8 pm.

*No other concerns were expressed.*

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Motion: Cheryl Lane  
Support: Connie Lacko  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Kimar  
Onota Township Clerk  
Proposed: 8/6/18  
Approved: 9/4/18