

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Connie Lacko, Trustee
Brian Bresette, Trustee

Absent: *none*

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended (*added "Budget Amendment" and "Brownstone Boat Launch" as items under new business*).

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
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:

- » \$9,771.94 for the general fund, checks #4171–4206;
- » \$782.50 for the fire fund, checks #1849–1853; and
- » \$6,243.05 for the solid waste fund, checks #1166–1168.

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
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

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

B. Assessor Report

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

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The Zoning Administrator reported that (1) the Brud garage was being moved; (2) a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting would be held soon on a variance for Sharleen Christensen on Old M28 in Shelter

Bay; (3) AT&T cell tower conditional use application was received and would be on the next Planning Commission meeting agenda; and (4) he made a presentation to the commission on zoning compliance and enforcement (*copy of report on file*).

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the Fire Department Report (*copy on file*).

A motion was made to approve up to \$2,800 for truck and equipment maintenance (hydraulic tools, pump test, DOT inspections).

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Catherine Kimar
Motion carried.

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

E. Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission representative noted that everything in his report was covered by the Zoning Administrator's report.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Tyoga Trail meeting will be held October 8. John Highlen reported on work to form the "Friends of Tyoga" group, including status of the by-laws, and the board of directors appointment.
- * Munising Landfill authority – work is in progress on repairing the fence.
- * Dumpster rolloff – supervisor recommends holding one event per year due to the low volume of items received (only one box was three-quarters full) and low level of participation after holding a spring event.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- * Rock River hydroelectric project
- * Marquette County Planning Commission – master plan notification

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:23 pm

Comment was received from: Terry Lane on the safe-t-kleen barrel and Mike McHaney on potential of a GIS zoning layer on the CUPPAD map.

Closed: 7:25 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hall Generator

It was noted that this should be completed soon if it is to be done this year (and the funds are available in the budget). The supervisor will get estimated cost comparisons for next month.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Snowplow Bids

The township clerk suggested that the board members request bids from local contractors as a way to save taxpayer funds of publishing an advertisement, as the ad has an extremely low response rate. It was agreed that Terry Lane, Dave Kimar, and Mitch Mattson would be notified of the request for bids.

B. Budget Amendments

A motion was made to increase the account 000-580 (contributions from local units) by \$5,467.63 and to

increase the corresponding activity 751-850 (community promotion) by \$5,467.63 to account for grant revenue exceeding budgetary expectations.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

C. Brownstone Boat Launch

The supervisor reported on his meeting with the United States Forest Service (USFS) regarding the continued operation of this recreational site. A concessionaire agreement is not possible in this matter, as it requires the operator to generate revenue (which the township is legally prohibited from).

Instead, a cost share agreement would allow the township to continue operations at the site (which would theoretically be limited to seasonal dock movement and maintenance of the ramp & parking area). The township could apply for grants to offset this cost, however the deadline for grants is April 1, and they require an active approved Recreation Plan (the township one is currently expired).

The USFS and Michigan Department of Natural Resources are not interested in continuing operations at the site due to budget limitations of their respective agencies.

A motion was made to continue to proceed with the inquiry of pursuing guardianship of the Brownstone Boat Launch site, with an expected budget of \$3,000/year.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:50 pm.

Comment was received from: Terry Lane on the bad erosion of the road from Mannisto's to the river due to runoff, a culvert should be installed or the existing ones need to be maintained better; Mary Ann McHaney on how to contact the road commission regarding their budget/ maintenance work & getting a copy of the boat launch statistics from the DNR (*she was given a copy of this document*).

Closed: 8:05 pm.

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Catherine – Alger Co is going to start charging election expenses to local clerks – may need budget amendment by end of year.

Brian – status of the title searches on road easements (supervisor said this was in progress).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Catherine Kimar
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Kimar
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 10/1/18
Approved: 11/5/18