

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor Connie Lacko, Trustee
 Cheryl Lane, Treasurer Brian Bresette, Trustee

Absent: Catherine Kimar, Clerk

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

The supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

The supervisor gave a brief summary of the three ordinances that were the topic of the hearing.

Public comment was opened at 7:05 pm.

Comments were received from:

Terry Lane, Kyle Cork, Charlene McDonnell, Jarrod Biebel, Edward Wood, John Folta, Ron Christensen, and Ted Smith.

Public comment was closed at 7:47 pm.

Board Discussion

The board discussed the matter and the supervisor suggested tabling the issue until next month's meeting.

The public hearing was closed at 7:55 pm.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

V. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

The treasurer presented the bills for payment.

A motion was made to pay the monthly bills as presented:

- » \$12,040.45 for the general fund, checks #4496 to 4531;
- » \$2,313.64 for the fire fund, checks #1916 to 1923; and
- » \$6,649.66 for the solid waste fund, checks #1183 to 1186

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: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

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

Gen: \$577,098.42
Fire: \$225,853.01
SW: \$109,719.79
Tax: \$7,276.94

B. Assessor Report

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

C. Zoning Administrator Report

No report was received.

D. Fire Department Report

The supervisor read the Fire Department Report (*copy on file*).

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette gave a brief report on the monthly activities of the Planning Commission – Vicki Ray attended her first meeting as a new member and Brian Mahoney is now acting chair with the seasonal absence of Bill Dunham.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Dumpster Rolloffs – successful event, dumpsters were filled
- * Roads – work is complete on the Deerton Sand-Lake Rd (from Whitefish Rd to Sand River); the Burning’s Rd bridge is unusable and needs to be replaced.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 8:04 pm

Comment was received from: Terry Lane on the cell tower; John Folta on sled dog races using Burning’s Rd bridge.

Closed: 8:08 pm

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Secondary Custodian/Sexton Position

Only one application was received for this position from Chris Haydon.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

Roll call vote:
Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Brian Bresette
Connie Lacko

Abstained: Terry Pihlainen

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Drainage/runoff issue

Old M28 is having drainage and runoff issues – Supervisor Pihlainen and Trustee Bresette will meet with the Alger County Road Commission to discuss fixing this problem.

B. Snowplow bids ad

A motion was made to put ads out seeking bids for this winter’s snowplowing duties.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 8:11 pm

No comment was received.

Closed: 8:11 pm

XI. BOARD CONCERNS

No concerns were expressed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Lane
Onota Township Treasurer
Proposed: 10/7/19
Approved: