

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor
Brian Bresette, Trustee
Kirsten Blackstock, Clerk

Members Absent: Sarah Redmond, Trustee
Susan Kerst, Treasurer

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Deputy Treasurer Schut presented the bills for payment.

A motion was made to pay the bills as presented for payment for \$6,290.43 for the general fund checks #3156-3172; \$2,548.19 for the fire fund, checks #1561-1565; and \$7,413.62 for the solid waste fund checks #1111-1112.

Motion: Brian Bresette
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 Blackstock for November, 2015.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Terry Pihlainen
Brian Bresette
Kirsten Blackstock

B. Assessor Report

Clerk Blackstock read Assessor Schmidt's report dated 10/27/15. A copy is on file.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

ZA Christensen presented his monthly report updates, a copy is on file.

D. Fire Department Report

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

Terry Pihlainen made a motion to approve up to \$1000.00 for the air shift on the pumper.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Brian Bresette
Terry Pihlainen
Kirsten Blackstock

E. Planning Commission Report

Due to Trustee Redmond's absence, no report was presented.

F. Supervisor Report

Fall road grading is scheduled to begin next week, there had been questions on the bridge on Point Road, Supervisor Pihlainen stated the bridge has been inspected.
The Road Commission will also be taking care of the lift on Peter White Road.

Sarah Redmond has resigned from the board as Trustee effective 11/2/15, and Dan Redmond has resigned from the Planning Commission effective 10/13/15. Both of their resignation letters were read. Terry Pihlainen made a motion to accept both resignations.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Kirsten Blackstock
Motion carried.

The cemetery fence has been repaired and the bill has been paid.

A discussion was held regarding Fire Department lights on personal vehicles. Terry Pihlainen made a motion to discontinue use of the lights on personal vehicles; no action was taken until further review of law and MTA has been contacted regarding use or policy, it was suggested a new policy update may have to be made before making this change.

Supervisor Pihlainen will attend the FEMA meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. 11/4/15 in Munising, regarding designating areas that need to have their maps reevaluated.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Blackstock noted she had received both resignation letters which had already been presented.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:21 p.m.

Comment was received from Wil Christensen, Char McDonnell, and Catherine Kimar.

Public Comment was closed at 7:24 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tyoga Trail:

The folks that were supposed to be in attendance for the night are not present, so no discussion was held. (Doug Barry, Bill Doan)

B. Zoning Ordinance Review:

ZA Christensen presented copies of proposed definition updates to the board, with updated wording on recreational structure, vacation rental, and driveway requirements. Clerk Blackstock was asked to post for a public hearing on the proposed updates prior to adoption.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Matt Watley:

Resident Matt Watkeys (corrected spelling) provided the board with plat map copies and discussed use and access of a road crossing his property. His concerns lay with use of heavy 4wd vehicles not foot/snowmobile/atv usage, and questions on liability.

Supervisor Pihlainen stated he had consulted the township attorney and the board is not able to take a position on this matter. He suggested instead to Mr. Watkeys public awareness.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 8:00 p.m.

Public comment was received from Matt Hagerty and Wil Christensen.

Public comment was closed at 8:15 p.m.

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Brian Bresette- None

Kirsten Blackstock- None

Terry Pihlainen- None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 11-02-15
Approved: 12-07-15