

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor Susan Kerst, Treasurer
 Brian Bresette, Trustee Connie Lacko, Trustee
 Kirsten Blackstock, Clerk

Members Absent: *None*

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended (added A1: Oath of Clerk, under New Business)

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Susan Kerst
Support: Brian Bresette
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 \$7,898.98 for the general fund checks #3536-3561; \$1,123.53 for the fire fund, checks #1658-1665; and \$5,225.64 for the solid waste fund check #1132.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock
Support: Brian Bresette
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 December 2016.

Motion: Brian Bresette	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	
Support: Susan Kerst	Ayes: Terry Pihlainen	Nays:
Motion carried.	Connie Lacko	NONE
	Brian Bresette	
	Susan Kerst	
	Kirsten Blackstock	

B. Assessor Report

Clerk Blackstock read Assessor Schmidt's monthly report dated 11/28/16. A copy is on file.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

ZA Woolard reported zero requests for permits this month. He stated that the issue with the garage in the state right-of-way was still under review by a surveyor at this time.

D. Fire Department Report

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

A motion was made to purchase a new cascade system for up to \$3,000.00.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Terry Pihlainen
Connie Lacko
Brian Bresette
Susan Kerst
Kirsten Blackstock

Nays:
NONE

E. Planning Commission Report

No meeting was held due to November being an odd month.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following items:

Regional meeting. An Alger County regional meeting of local township supervisors and government officials will be held quarterly. He also reported there will be a open house on December 7 at the County Sheriff's Office if the public wishes to attend.

Flooding: There were several calls from concerned residents regarding the creek that flows under M28 near the Brownstone. The DEQ will not take any action until it has reached a benchmark level, and the Alger County Road Commission will not take action without approval from the DEQ. Trustee Bresette mentioned that the creek was now open and flowing when he last drove by.

Post office: The Marquette Post Office was initially looking for a new location for the local office; however they (and the Health Department) have worked out an agreement with the building owner that the outhouse will remain until spring, and that a septic system will be installed by June 2017.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Blackstock noted a Climate Change Adaptation for Coastal Wetlands booklet is available for anyone interested.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:27 PM.
Comment was received from Charlene McDonnell.
Public Comment was closed at 7:30 PM.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Chief resignation

Chief Kimar submitted a verbal resignation to the board.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of the Fire Chief.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock
Support: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.

A1. Oath of Clerk

Clerk Blackstock administered the oath to Catherine Kimar as the new clerk.

B. Appointment of additional duties to the Clerk

A motion was made to appoint the additional duties of fire chief and EMT to Clerk Kimar.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

C. Resolution to change date of December Board of Review

A resolution was offered by Clerk Kimar and read by recording secretary Kirsten Blackstock. A copy is on file.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	
Ayes:	Susan Kerst	Nays:
	Connie Lacko	NONE
	Catherine Kimar	
	Brian Bresette	
	Terry Pihlainen	

D. Budget Amendment

A motion was made to increase the account 000-580 (Contributions from Local Units) by \$10,000 and to increase the activity 751-850 (Community Promotion) by \$10,000 to account for revenue from UP Trails, Inc exceeding budgetary expectations.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:39 PM.

Public comment was received from Charlene McDonnell and Terry Lane.

Public comment was closed at 7:43 PM.

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Susan Kerst: The phone number is wrong on the tax bills that have already been sent out. This has already been corrected with the county equalization office.

Brian Bresette: Gravel roads in the township were not graded prior to the ground freezing.

Catherine Kimar: Please notify her of any website updates or additions as needed.

Connie Lacko: *None.*

Terry Pihlainen: Thanked Kirsten for her service as the township clerk.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Motion: Susan Kerst
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock
Onota Township Clerk / Recording Secretary
Proposed: 12-05-2016
Approved: