ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm (this meeting was held via teleconference).

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor

Connie Lacko, Trustee

Brian Bresette, Trustee

Absent: none

Cheryl Lane, Treasurer Catherine Kimar, Clerk

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette Support: Connie Lacko

Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette Support: Connie Lacko Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

The treasurer presented the bills for payment. The supervisor objected to paying one of the fire department bills on the basis that he felt it was improper for fire department members to purchase equipment, and felt that the mechanic should be forced to purchase these items and then request reimbursement. The clerk noted that fire department members had always purchased truck parts and other equipment when the vendor did not have an account system. Trustee Bresette also expressed concern about this matter.

A motion was made to pay the monthly bills as presented (the supervisor requested a roll call vote)

- » \$19,349.03 for the general fund, checks #4955 to #4980;
- » \$743.66 for the fire fund, checks #2019 to #2023; and
- » \$5,544.53 for the solid waste fund, check #1211.

Motion: Catherine Kimar Support: Cheryl Lane Motion carried. Roll call vote

Ayes: Connie Lacko

Cheryl Lane Catherine Kimar Brian Bresette

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

Gen: 661,507.71 Fire: 277,085.44 SW: 125,483.27 Tax: 62,515.75

Nays: Terry Pihlainen

B. Assessor Report

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

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The clerk read the report from the zoning administrator (copy on file). If present, summary:

D. Fire Department Report

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

A motion was made to approve up to \$750 for gas detector repair.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen Support: Connie Lacko

Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve \$1,500 for the generator to be repaired by Wolverine.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen Support: Connie Lacko Motion carried.

The supervisor requested that the fire department list its members in next month's report, and that a key to the firehall be placed in the office keybox. The clerk requested that all board members be given a key to this keybox and that it be locked if a firehall key was necessary.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette stated the Planning Commission had met in the parking lot outside the hall due to pandemic restrictions, but had no business on their agenda.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

Cell tower

- * Fiber optic lines are being run to the tower by contractors.
- * The contractors who are working on the tower stated that their work is done and that they are simply waiting on the fiber optic line to be run, which is on AT&T.
- * The updated projected on-air date is the end of May.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:23 pm

Comment was received from: Terry Lane on the school sign being out.

Closed: 7:25 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Recycling

The board had discussed sending out postcards to survey residents on their opinion of recycling

services and costs last month. Glass cannot be recycled at this time in the area. The 906 recycling station in Marquette is open for business. The supervisor will write up a letter and survey for township residents for the board to review at next month's meeting.

B. Tyoga DNR documents

A motion was made to submit these documents to the township attorney for review.

Motion: Brian Bresette Support: Connie Lacko Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Policy

Section 2.4f of the board policy was brought up in regard to a recent attorney bill in which the supervisor incurred \$990 of cost of his own volition. Trustee Bresette recommended that the township request that the attorney notify the board when they have reached the limit of \$300 for that month, and at that time additional costs could be approved by the board.

B. Reappoint Board of Review

The Board of Review (BOR) should have been reappointed last month. It was also noted that there are new training requirements in law for BOR members.

A motion was made to reappoint Edward Wood, Lori Wycoff, and Dale Moseler to the Board of Review.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen Support: Brian Bresette Motion carried.

The supervisor noted that the upcoming Board of Review would be virtual if restrictions required.

C. Zoning Board of Appeals opening

Nothing that his term had expired, the clerk contacted Gregg Quinn to ask if he would submit a letter requesting to remain on Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). He declined and stated that he was not interested in staying on the ZBA. The clerk added that she had posted this opening on the website already.

D. Budget meeting dates

The pandemic restrictions are extended to February 21, 2021. The board felt it would be too difficult to hold budget meetings via teleconference due to the amount of discussion required. The board tenatively planned for February 23 at 10 am. The board has until March 31 to approve the budget.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:47 pm

none

Closed: 7:47 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

No concerns were expressed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Motion: Brian Bresette Support: Cheryl Lane Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk Proposed: 1-Feb-21 Approved: 1-Mar-21