ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Absent: Brian Bresette, Trustee

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended (supervisor added ORV trail under new business).

Motion: Cheryl Lane Support: Catherine Kimar Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Cheryl Lane Support: Catherine Kimar Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

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

- » \$4,016.37 for the general fund, checks #4799-4825;
- » \$30.62 for the fire fund, check #1983; and
- » \$6,457.54 for the solid waste fund, checks #1200-01.

Motion: Catherine Kimar Support: Terry Pihlainen Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the monthly balance sheet and profit & loss statements for the general, fire, solid waste, and tax funds as presented by the clerk.

Motion: Cheryl Lane Support: Connie Lacko Motion carried. <u>Roll call vote</u> Ayes: Connie Lacko Catherine Kimar Cheryl Lane Terry Pihlainen Gen: 635,120.06 Fire: 262,841.91 SW: 124,832.53 Tax: 67,357.25

- B. <u>Assessor Report</u> No report was submitted.
- C. <u>Zoning Administrator Report</u> No report was submitted.
- D. <u>Fire Department Report</u> Chief Kimar read the fire department report *(copy on file)*.

E. Planning Commission Report

No report was received (due to the absence of Brian Bresette).

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- Dropbox has been received and will be installed by the end of the month.
- Generator is hooked up to propane and active
- Tim Wallace can be interviewed this week (the supervisor will contact Jason McCarthy to see if he is available as well).
- Dumpster rolloff is set up and ready to go, but they need volunteers for Saturday Friday.
- Deerton-Sand Lake Rd will be done by the last week of October.
- Burning's Rd a bridge may be acquired for free for this site; the supervisor will report back with more info next month.

G. Tyoga Trail

The clerk read the Tyoga Trail report from John Highlen, which mentioned the upcoming workday on Saturday, September 12 *(copy on file)*.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:13 pm

Comment was received from:

Charlene McDonnell on the new drop box location (it will be near the kitchen door);

Jarrod Biebel on the Shore Drive HOA asking about the possibility of recycling at the township hall;

Leslie Bilby on use of the township website; and

Terry Lane about the dumpsters being picked up tomorrow and the garbage truck route. Closed: 7:17 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Audit / Outstanding Checks

The clerk and treasurer reported that the off-year audit had gone well, but the issue had come up of multiple outstanding employee paychecks from past months. The accountant suggested that the checks be voided and re-issued. The employees who needed to have checks re-issued will be notified, and the clerk will contact the accountants to be sure this is done correctly.

They also noted that they had asked the accountant to investigate how the township could get a credit card without the social security numbers of the treasurer or clerk being involved.

B. ORV Trail

The supervisor had looked into the paperwork from Jarrod Biebel and contacted MDOT (Michigan Dept of Transportation). He received additional paperwork and information from MDOT officials regarding regulations for locations where the ORV connectors could run along state highways. It limits ORV use strictly with safety being the main goal. The MDOT representative stated that this is also only an option after all other methods have been exhausted, and that the distance needed in this situation (over 7 miles) was prohibitive, as they only approve short routes.

The supervisor offered a copy of the handout to Mr. Biebel and stated he would ask the MDOT representative for a conference call with himself and Mr. Biebel.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:40 pm

Comment was received from: Leslie Bilby on the ORV trail location; and Char McDonnell on the hours the treasurer is available on the tax deadline day. Closed: 7:44 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Terry – special meeting to interview the ZA candidates - the board tentatively agreed to 9/10 at 10 am.

Connie – asked about the fire department burning buildings as training (*the fire chief explained it requires an special, costly inspection for asbestos*).

Catherine – need Zoning Board of Appeals minutes in order to pay the members.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Motion: Catherine Kimar Support: Connie Lacko Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk Proposed: 9/8/20 Approved: 9/10/20