

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2018

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Absent: Brian Bresette, Trustee

**II. AGENDA**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended (*addition of "Zoning Board of Appeals letter of interest" to item A under new business*).

Motion: Connie Lacko  
Support: Catherine Kimar  
Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Cheryl Lane  
Support: Connie Lacko  
Motion carried.

**IV. REPORTS**

A. Financial Report

The treasurer presented the bills for payment.

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

- » \$8,078.93 for the general fund, checks #4207 - 4228;
- » \$3,573.35 for the fire fund, checks #1854 - 1864 and
- » \$6,806.57 for the solid waste fund, checks #1169 - 1170.

Motion: Catherine Kimar  
Support:  
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: Cheryl Lane	<u>Roll call vote:</u>
Support: Catherine Kimar	Ayes: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.	Terry Pihlainen
	Connie Lacko
	Catherine Kimar

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*).

D. Fire Department Report

The fire chief read the report from the fire department (*copy on file*).

E. Planning Commission Report

The October meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- \* DNR/Tyoga – the non-profit "Friends of Tyoga" group is nearly fully organized. The DNR has only the option of 'leasing the site' available for the township to take part in management of operations and activities.
- \* Furnace – the township hall furnace has been repeatedly & frequently repaired, so the supervisor is pursuing warranty replacement of the system with Swick.

## V. CORRESPONDENCE

- \* Letter from Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team asking for donations.

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:16 pm

*No comments received.*

Closed: 7:16 pm

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hall Generator

The board briefly discussed this matter and agreed that it was important to have a location within the township that could serve as a heated shelter in the event of an extended outage or other adverse event. The supervisor will draw up specs and put them up for bid (with a deadline of the December meeting for bid opening).

B. Snowplow bids

Bids were received from Terry Lane and Dave Kimar.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Terry Lane at \$40/push (with 4" snow minimum)

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Connie Lacko  
Motion carried.

Abstained: Cheryl Lane

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals letters of interest

Fred Ivers submitted a letter of interest for the open Planning Commission seat. The supervisor recommended the appointment of Fred Ivers to the Planning Commission.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the supervisor and appoint Fred Ivers to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Catherine Kimar  
Support: Cheryl Lane  
Motion carried.

A motion was made to appoint Theodore Mesu to the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy.

Motion: Cheryl Lane  
Support: Connie Lacko  
Motion carried.

B. Dumpster Rolloff frequency

The supervisor stated that there was a low volume of waste and low level of participation when two events were held within a year, and that the fall event was simpler to schedule due to no risk of snowfall. The clerk noted that the township stayed within budgetary limitations this year despite holding two events. As the fall date had the most past use for rollofs and would likely be easiest for residents to remember, it was agreed that the township should hold one fall rolloff event per year in the future.

C. Leave Policy

A state law passed on September 5 that requires townships of all sizes to formulate a official leave policy and may require the tracking of hours to be used for official 'leave' purposes. A document is included in the board packet explaining this law and its requirements. The clerk will look further into this item.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opened: 7:32 pm.

Comment was received from: Munising News reporter on Leave Policies and the Brownstone Boat Launch; Delores Dolan on the cell tower status.

Closed: 7:38 pm.

**X. BOARD CONCERNS**

Connie – asked about the status of title search on easements for roads (*the supervisor noted that there had been little progress and he would inquire as to if the title company was still interested in doing this*)

Catherine – (1) Requested that Alger Delta trim back the apple tree behind the hall - it was weighing down the power line (2) the UP 200 trail boss called asking if any new info was available on the Burnings Road situation and the likelihood of using that race route next year. (3) Polls will be open from 7 – 8 tomorrow.

*No other concerns were expressed.*

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Motion: Catherine Kimar  
Support: Connie Lacko  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Kimar  
Onota Township Clerk  
Proposed: 11/5/18  
Approved: 12/3/18