

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm

Present: Supervisor: Christopher Hayden {absent} Trustee: Jennifer Hough
 Clerk: Pamela Simmons Trustee: Brian Bressette
 Treasurer: Cheryl Lane

A motion was made to have Trustee Jennifer Hough run the meeting due to the supervisor's absence.

Motion: Brian Bressette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion Carried: All Ayes

II. AGENDA:

A motion was made to accept the agenda with the additions of dumpster roll off pay and the letter {email} from the DNR under new business.

Motion: Brian Bressette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried. All Ayes

Point of Order was requested by Bill Carmody regarding the August 3rd 2026 minutes. He mentioned concerns on page 4.

III. Approval of the minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented:

Motion : Cheryl Lane
Support: Brian Bressette
Motion Carried: All Ayes

IV. REPORTS:

A. Financial Report

The treasurer presented the bills for payment.

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

- » \$ 16,215.50 for the general fund, checks # 6905 to # 6941
- » \$ \$288.83 for the fire fund, checks # 2348 to # 2350
- » \$ 7,011.17 for solid waste fund, check #1321

Motion: Brian Bressette
Support: Pamela Simmons
Motion carried. All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
 Brian Bressette
 Pamela Simmons
 Jennifer Hough
 Christopher Hayden {absent}

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 Bressette
Support: Jennifer Hough
Motion carried. All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
 Brian Bressette
 Jennifer Hough
 Pamela Simmons
 Christopher Hayden {absent}

Gen: 768,217.61
Fire: 536,956.22
SW: 202,230.62

B. Assessors Report: Assessor was present, all is going well, working on field work. Mentioned the L490 form that needed signatures. Informed the treasurer that the BSA will be changing in the future.

C. Zoning Administrator Report: None

D. Fire Department Report: Read by Fire Chief (copy on file)
Three calls this month. VFD Maggie has completed car seat safety courses.

E. Planning Commission Report: They went over creating the STR application and the job qualifications for the inspector of the STR, it was sent to the lawyer for review, and they are still waiting for his response.

F. Supervisor Report: Read by and prepared by the deputy supervisor (copy on file)
The Deputy Supervisor read the report, he worked on FOIA requests, new contract with GFL and also working on a grant for the VFD to purchase needed equipment.

Other Reports: None

V. CORRESPONDENCE: (copy on file)

Two letters were received concerning the dumpster located across from the Whitefish Lodge, requesting that it be moved.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 7:28pm

It was mentioned that in the previous minutes that there was a misspelled name.

Andy Sommer spoke and mentioned that he is running for Commissioner in District #4. Also the removal date of October 1 for the boat launch is tentative depending on the weather conditions. He also asked about the donation box at the boat launch and suggested moving it to more visible area. Brian Bresette stated that he has tried to contact the Forrest Service regarding this.

Closed: 7:31pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made to accept Supervisor Christopher Haydon's resignation effective September 17th 2026.

Motion: Pamela Simmons

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion Carried: All Ayes

A motion was made to appoint Deputy Supervisor David Squier to Supervisor effective September 18th 2026.

Motion Pamela Simmons

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion Carried: All Ayes

VIII. New Business:

A motion was made to purchase stamps for the dumpster roll post cards for amount of \$390

Motion : Brian Bressette

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane

Brian Bressette

Jennifer Hough

Pamela Simmons

Christopher Haydon {absent}

A motion was made to reimburse the clerk for \$ 37.17 for a scanner and usb multiport for elections.

Motion: Brian Bressette

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane

Brian Bressette

Jennifer Hough

Pamela Simmons

Christopher Haydon {absent}

The tree that needs to be removed at the cemetery was tabled until it can be assessed.

We will be posting on the website and in the Beacon that Onota Township will be accepting bids for snow plowing for the upcoming winter season.

A motion was made to pay the people working the dumpster roll off on September 18 & 19 and will be paid \$ 50 per day.

Motion: Brian Bressette

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane

Brian Bressette

Jennifer Hough

Pamela Simmons

Christopher Haydon {absent}

A letter in support of the Laughing Whitefish Point Acquisition was signed by the board to return to the DNR.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 7:40pm

The question was asked who is eligible to bring garbage to the dumpster roll off.

Better communication is needed between GFL and the township regarding pick-up delays, maybe a facebook page?

Closed: 7:42pm

X. Board Concerns:

Jennifer announced that the school is having an open house on September 18th from 6-8 to celebrate 100 YEARS!!!!

The discussion took place regarding who is helping with the roll off. Deputy Squier will contact Chris for information.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Brian Bressette

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion carried. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted :Pamela Simmons

Onota Township Clerk

Proposed: September 9, 2026

Approved: