

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*ROLL CALL*

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor  
Stephanie Bromley, Clerk  
Susan Kerst, Treasurer

Sarah Redmond, Trustee  
Brian Bresette, Trustee

**II. AGENDA**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion: Sarah Redmond  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion: Sarah Redmond  
Support: Stephanie Bromley  
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 \$21,398.64 for the general fund checks #2729 to #2751; \$402.11 for the fire fund, check #1465 to #1468; and \$5,412.26 for the solid waste fund check #1094.

Motion: Stephanie Bromley  
Support: Terry Pihlainen  
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 Bromley for August 2014.

Motion: Sarah Redmond  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Terry Pihlainen  
Sarah Redmond  
Brian Bresette  
Susan Kerst  
Stephanie Bromley

B. Assessor Report

Clerk Bromley stated that the monthly report had not yet been received from the assessor.

C. Zoning Admin Report

ZA Tietjen gave a verbal report in regards to his work over the previous month. A copy of his report is on file.

D. Fire Department Report

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

A motion was made to approve \$1,200 for DOT truck inspection and maintenance for all trucks.

Motion: Stephanie Bromley  
Support: Sarah Redmond.  
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve \$167.32 for the cost of meals for Chief Catherine Kimar as she trains at the National Fire Academy this month.

Motion: Stephanie Bromley  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve \$425.00 for pump testing.

Motion: Stephanie Bromley  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported on the activities of the planning commission. He stated that the chairperson would like to contact the attorney in light of the recent vacation rental questions that had come up and requested that the board approve this cost. ZA Tietjen concurred with the Planning Commission's decision to seek legal counsel on this matter.

A motion was made to allow Greg Quinn, Chair of the Planning Commission, to spend up to \$1000 for attorney fees to resolve the vacation rental issue.

Motion: Brian Bresette  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

F. Supervisor Report

On August 12th, the supervisor attended the FEMA Great Lakes Coastal Map Conference. Alger County has been selected to take part in the government study to re-map the coast line and surrounding areas with LiDAR. A preliminary map should be ready Summer 2015 and the final map ready by Summer 2016.

Supervisor Pihlainen contacted Safety Clean with concerns of the waste being disposed of next to the Township Hall. He will have more information with cost sheets available at the next meeting. The dumpster roll off is scheduled for September 20th and 21st.

Supervisor Pihlainen spoke to Bob Lindbeck in regards to the culvert on Deer Lake. Mr. Lindbeck said that he had talked to Gerry Gerou about the issue. Mr. Lindbeck is evaluating the situation. The road commission also needs the Boards projected allocation for the next fiscal year before December. The board will look into the Capital Outlay/Improvement Plan and decide at the October board meeting.

Supervisor Pihlainen advised the Board that in order to proceed with the well, the first step is to complete an exploratory dig.

A motion was made to allocate up to \$1400 to repair the pit line for the water well .

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Sarah Redmond.  
Motion carried.

## **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Bromley summarized the correspondence that had been received.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at: 7:44 pm

Comment was received from: Nancy Bennett questioned the budget and suggested that we contact Anderson/Tackman in regards to the \$15,000 budget change made for the snowmobile trail under the Parks and Recreation fund. Terry Lane requested a snowblower and a riding lawnmower.

Public Comment was closed at: 7:53 pm

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Planning Commission Appointments**

Supervisor Pihlainen recommended the appointment of Dan Redmond and Michael Johnson to the Onota Township Planning Commission.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation to appoint Dan Redmond and Mike Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Sarah Redmond  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

### **B. Website Discussion**

Trustee Redmond reported that the website has been approved and it should be ready this fall.

### **C. Post Card Design Approval**

Clerk Bromley distributed draft copies of the post card to the board members.

A motion was made to approve the post card design as amended.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Millage Request**

Clerk Bromley presented the Millage sheet from Alger County.

A motion was made to accept the millage as is.

Motion: Brian Bresette  
Support: Sarah Redmond  
Motion carried.

### **B. Resident Concern**

Joan Johnson addressed the board regarding her concerns as to the status of a residential property near her, and the owner's future plans for the site being in compliance with the zoning

ordinance. Deputy Clerk Kimar responded by noting that the property had recently been purchased by another party. Supervisor Pihlainen further recommended that Ms. Johnson contact the Zoning Administrator if she has any future concerns of this nature.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at: 8:21 PM  
Public comment was received from: none  
Public comment was closed at: 8:21 PM

**X. BOARD CONCERNS**

Susan Kerst: none  
Brian Bresette: none  
Terry Pihlainen: On Labor Day he walked the bridge. Received notices that the Township needs to post Labor Laws.  
Sarah Redmond: none  
Stephanie Bromley: Menards card renewal. May not be able to attend the next regular meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Motion: Brian Bresette  
Support: Stephanie Bromley  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Bromley,  
Onota Township Clerk  
Proposed: 9-2-14  
Approved: 9-10-14