ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 2nd 2026

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm

Present: Supervisor: David Squier — Trustee: Jennifer Hough
Clerk: Pamela Simmons — Trustee: Brian Bressette {absent}
Treasurer: Cheryl Lane

II. AGENDA:

A motion was made to accept the agenda with the addition of 1 new correspondence.

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Jennifer Hough
Motion carried. All Ayes

III. Approval of the minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented:

Motion : Cheryl Lane
Support: David Squier
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:

- $ 14,220.62 for the general fund, checks # 6973 to # 7006
- $ $1,299.52 for the fire fund, checks # 2351 to # 2353
- $ 9,324.46 for solid waste fund, check #1331

Motion: Pamela Simmons
Support: David Squer
Motion carried. All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
Brian Bressette {absent}
David Squier
Jennifer Hough
Pamela Simmons

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: David Squier
Support: Jennifer Hough
Motion carried. All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
David Squier
Jennifer Hough
Pamela Simmons
Brian Bressette {absent}

Gen: 662,910.24
Fire: 540,090.41
SW: 185,608.50

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B. Assessors Report: Read by Clerk {copy on file}

C. Zoning Administrator Report: None

D. Fire Department Report: Read by Fire Chief {copy on file}
1. One call
2. Participated in fire prevention week at the Au Train schools
3. Live burn fire training is possible in December
4. VFD training will be happening on 11/3/26

E. Planning Commission Report: None

F. Supervisor Report: Read by supervisor {copy on file}
1. Worked on various STR
2. One clear cutting complaint
3. Working on GLF contract
4. Boat dock was removed for the winter
5. Porta Potty will be removed from the Tyoga campground

Other Reports: None

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from Sara Kimar, Kyle& Linda Cork, the letter was forwarded to the township attorney, reply from the attorney was sent to the interested party. {tabled until December meeting so they can review}
2. A letter was presented at the meeting from Jennifer Welch requesting FOIA information, Supervisor Squier will follow up with the request.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 7:13pm

1. **Bill Carmody requested that no action be taken on the reply from the township lawyer until the December meeting due to the short notice of receiving the response.**
2. Kyle cork suggested the matter be tabled until the December board meeting.{board agreed}
3. Nancy Bennett asked if meetings could be made available by zoom.
4. Jennifer Welch had questions on her advanced bookings with the new STR regulations.
5. Joan Sommer asked if the new GFL contract would be affected by gas prices.
6. Mark Fisher inquired about a trash cart for his residence.{supervisor will inquire}
7. Andy Sommer mentioned a rumor of the closing of the landfill.
8. James Short questioned the use of the property by the firehall?
9. Nancy Bennett mentioned calling MTA to inquire about having a Public Hearing to hear the townships view on the possible updates/new VFD hall.
10. Vicki Ray inquired about Deerton post office status.

Closed: 7:28pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The ADA website was discussed, and a meeting will be scheduled with Vicki.
2. No plow bids were received; Vicki will re post on the website.
3. The GFL contract is still being worked on and will be tabled until the December meeting.

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VIII. New Business:

1. Supervisor Squier made the motion to accept Scott Mykle Dietrich's application for the STR Compliance Officer.

   Motion: Cheryl Lane
   Support: Pamela Simmons
   Motion Carried: All Ayes

2. A motion was made to adopt the PCOM recommendation that upon hiring and appointment of the STR compliance officer, the township proceeds with the implementation of the STR registration and inspection process as follows:

   Existing STR: Owners of existing STR will be provided with the required registration packet, with the goal of having registrations and required inspections processed and completed within the first 90 days of 2027.

   New STR: Following the hiring of the Compliance Officer, any new STR registration applications will be processed and the required inspection completed within 90 days of receipt of completed application packet.

   Motion: Jennifer Hough
   Support: David Squier
   Motion Carried: All Ayes

3. A motion was made to lift the moratorium on STR as of 11/2/22026

   Motion: Cheryl Lane
   Support: Jennifer Hough
   Motion Carried: All Ayes

4. A motion was made to approve 6 rolls of stamps for the treasurer for taxes.

   Motion: David Squier
   Support: Pamela Simmons
   Motion Carried: All Ayes

   Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
   David Squier
   Jennifer Hough
   Pamela Simmons
   Brian Bressette {absent}

5. A motion was made to reimburse the clerk up to $55 for the food purchased for the November elections. {$46.35} was the cost.

   Motion: Cheryl Lane
   Support: Jennifer Hough
   Motion Carried: All Ayes

   Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
   David Squier
   Jennifer Hough
   Pamela Simmons
   Brian Bressette {absent}

6. A motion was made to pay the bill $972 {supervisor approved} for the annual maintenance on the pumper truck.

   Motion: Jennifer Hough
   Support: Pamela Simmons
   Motion Carried: All Ayes

   Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
   David Squier {abstained}
   Jennifer Hough
   Pamela Simmons
   Brian Bressette {absent}

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7. A motion was made to accept the estimate for $35,625.00 for the Milwaukee cutter,spreader and telescoping ram for the VFD.

Motion: Jennifer Hough
Support: Pamela Simmons
Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
David Squier {abstained}
Jennifer Hough
Pamela Simmons
Brian Bressette {absent}

8. A motion was made to accept the estimate of $4,267.20 for the Honda engine for the VFD.

Motion: Pamela Simmons
Support: Jennifer Hough
Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
David Squier {abstained}
Jennifer Hough
Pamela Simmons
Brian Bressette {absent}

9. A motion was made to accept the estimate of $2,269.20 for the rotary saw and diamond blade.

Motion: Jennifer Hough
Support: Pamela Simmons
Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
David Squier {abstained}
Jennifer Hough
Pamela Simmons
Brian Bressette {absent}

10. A motion was made to accept the estimate of $3,114.00 for the VFD pagers.

Motion: Jennifer Hough
Support: Pamela Simmons
Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
David Squier {abstained}
Jennifer Hough
Pamela Simmons
Brian Bressette {absent}

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IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 7:51pm

1. Nancy Bennettt asked about the VFD grant and the purchases that were approved for the VFD.
2. Ken Burt asked if the new STR officer understood the requirements of the job.
3. Joan Sommer asked if there was a limit on STR.
4. Nancy Bennett mentioned limits can be added at a later date.
5. Gloria Rinne asked about a sound system for meetings, also if the Historical Society can use a cabinet in the kitchen.
6. Bill Carmody liked the supervisor report and welcomed him to the position.

X. Board Concerns: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8pm

Motion: Pamela Simmons
Support: David Squier
Motion carried. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted: Pamela Simmons
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: November 4, 2026
Approved: