

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm

Present: Supervisor: Christopher Hayden Trustee: Jennifer Hough Absent: None
 Clerk: Pamela Simmons Trustee: Brian Bressette
 Treasurer: Cheryl Lane

II. AGENDA:

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented:

Motion: Brian Bressette
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: 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:

- » \$ 10,911.38 for the general fund, checks # 6813 to # 6837
- » \$ 14,326.97 for the fire fund, checks # 2329 to # 2340
- » \$ 6,957.15 for solid waste fund, checks #1317 to # 1318

Motion: Brian Bressette
Support: Jennifer Hough
Motion carried. All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
 Brian Bressette
 Christopher Haydon
 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: Brian Bressette
Support: Christopher Haydon
Motion carried. All Ayes

Gen: 768,557.60
Fire: 537,067.36
SW: 221,551.83

Roll Call: Chery Lane
 Brian Bressette
 Christopher Haydon
 Pamela Simmons
 Jennifer Hough

B. Assessors Report: None

C. Zoning Administrator Report: None

D. Fire Department Report: Read by Fire Chief (copy on file)

1. No calls to report
2. Announced a cookout fundraiser at the firehall on June 27 from 12 to 3

E. Planning Commission Report: Meeting was held on May 12th, and they discussed the re-zoning issue. Liaison member Brian Bressette abstained due to owning property on the road. Fred Ivers read comments from the meeting, copy on file. PCOM voted 4-0 against rezoning.

F. Supervisor Report: Read by supervisor (copy on file)

1. Porta potty is now at the Tioga Campground
2. Garbage cans were distributed to those who were without, if anyone else needs one contact him.
3. He did a ride around with Alger County Road Commission and discussed projects that are planned within the township.

Other Reports: None

V. CORRESPONDENCE: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 7:14pm

1. A resident of the township thanked the VFD for responding to the house fire at his home during the horrible snowstorm and also the road commission for plowing to get the trucks to the fire.
Closed: 7:16pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The VFD Engineer position was tabled until next meeting, The Clerk will check with insurance to make sure of coverage for the position.
2. Discussed VFD files that need to be in the fireproof safe in the office.

VIII. New Business:

1. A motion was made to purchase 6 rolls of stamps for the treasurer and 6 rolls of stamps for the clerk.

Motion: Pamela Simmons
Support: Christopher Haydon
Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane
Brian Bressette
Christopher Haydon
Jennifer Hough
Pamela Simmons

2. Gloria Rinne asked for permission to hang a new map in the hall and also place a display case in the kitchen for misc. items that have been found etc. Also announced it is Onota's 180th anniversary.

Motion: Christopher Haydon
Support: Brian Bressette

Motion Carried: All Ayes

Planning Commission: (C on agenda)

3. Roger Zappa the township attorney spoke on the rezoning of old m-28 that the PCOM has been working on, he is not making any recommendations either way he is just legal counsel for the township. He mentions that Brian Bressette will abstain from voting due to the ownership of property on the road. Cheryl Lane will be able to vote because she has family that lives on the road but has no financial interest. The board can either accept or reject the pcom decision. He stated he had NOT met with the board prior to the meeting. Sara Kimar had several questions for him.(article 11, CUPPAD notification) etc.

A motion was made to table the vote on the pcom recommendations on the rezoning of old m-28.

Motion: Christopher Haydon
Support: Jennifer Hough
Motion Carried: All Ayes

4. Bill Carmody presented and read list of concerns, asked for another public hearing to be held before a decision is made. (copy on file)
5. Jason also spoke to the board about his concerns on the rezoning, questioned how you get on the agenda, also in speaking with numerous people CUPPAD was mentioned.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 8pm

1. A resident mentioned the master plan and keeping Onota rural
2. The suggestion was made to read the minutes from the pcom meetings.
3. It was asked when the decorations would be taken down in the hall.
4. Any news on the PO?
5. One resident believes a lot of the info is bias concerning the rezoning.
6. One resident believes comments at the last pcom meeting fell on deaf ears.
7. All comments from the pcom meeting should have been read not just one.
8. It was asked that the pcom hold another public hearing.

X. Board Concerns: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm

Motion: Christopher Haydon
Support: Jennifer Hough
Motion carried. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted :Pamela Simmons
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: June 3, 2026
Approved: