

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 2, 2026**

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**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 amended to remove VFD computer from new business and to add paying the Board of Review under new business.

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 : Brian Bressette  
Support: Jennifer Hough  
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:

- » \$ 9,139.31 for the general fund, checks # 6711 to # 6735
- » \$ \$2,147.20 for the fire fund, checks # 2305 to # 2313
- » \$ 6,375.26 for solid waste fund, check #1313

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: Cheryl Lane  
Motion carried. All Ayes

Gen: 759,704.80  
Fire: 535,474.10  
SW: 211,227.66

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

B. Assessors Report: None

C. Zoning Administrator Report: Read by Clerk (copy on file)

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

1. No calls to report
2. VFD members are still in the process of training.

A motion was made to pay for 5 VFD members to take Smoke Classes on 4/11/26 at the cost of \$50 per student.

Motion: Brian Bressette  
Support: Jennifer Hough  
Motion Carried: All Ayes

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

E. Planning Commission Report:

They went over definitions with not a lot of change, discussed STR.

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

Spent most of the month working on the new FY budget. Announced 2026 March Board of Review meetings.

Other Reports: None

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE:**

A request was sent from UPSET asking for donation/funding. Township is unable to do this.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 7:10pm**

1. Questions were asked about the status of the Deerton Post Office
2. Request was made to clear snow away from the dumpster.
3. Some residents are without garbage cans and asked how to receive one.

A motion was made to see about having a front end loader remove the snow by the dumpster

Motion : Brian Bressette  
Support: Christopher Haydon  
Motion Carried: All Ayes

Closed: 7:25pm

#### **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to accept the Resolution for the FY 26/27 meeting schedule

Motion :Christopher Haydon  
Support: Brian Bressette  
Motion Carried: All Ayes

**VIII. New Business:**

1. It was requested that Orkin be canceled by the VFD Chief & the Supervisor.
2. A motion was made to accept the Agreement for Election services.

Motion: Brian Bressette  
Support: Jennifer Hough  
Motion Carried: All Ayes

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

3. Quickbooks price increase was tabled until the next board meeting.
4. A motion was made to pay the Board of Review.

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

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 7:30 pm**

The question was asked whether our new cameras were now working and if we are still working on getting a new insurance carrier. The inquiry was made about what the requirements are to be on the planning commission.

One of the township residents recognized the board and said he appreciates all we do. A request was made for the board to use a microphone during the meeting. Also the question was asked who do you contact about the Brownstone Boat Launch and if anything was going to happen with the removal of the Tyoga Tavern.

Closed: 7:33pm

**X. Board Concerns:**

It was announced that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the hall!!! Jennifer thanked the community for all their bottle donations; they are what is making these events possible. It will take place at the hall on March 21, 2026 from 1 to 5pm

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35

Motion: Christopher Haydon  
Support: Brian Bressett  
Motion carried. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted :Pamela Simmons  
Onota Township Clerk  
Proposed: March 3, 2026  
Approved: 3/11/26