

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9am
Pledge of Allegiance

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 amend the agenda to add combining the July 6th 2026 board meeting minutes with the Public hearing minutes from July 6th 2026

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

III. Public Hearing:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am

The township attorney spoke explaining what was allowed and not allowed to take place at a public hearing. He made it known that he was here only to represent the board and has not advised the board on any decisions.

It was announced that the clerk was recording the meeting. All correspondences on the rezoning were read by the clerk. Sara Kimar mentioned that the petitioner should have spoken first (MTA). A trustee Jennifer Hough read the letter(s) attached to the petitioner signatures. Jack Barnes spoke on getting the signatures that were in favor of the rezoning of old m28. The lawyer representing Bill and Molly Carmody spoke on their behalf on the re zoning. Jared Biebel mentioned that he built his Bed and Breakfast with all the proper permits and has a second project off Hwy m28. He believes that the petition is spot zoning. Kyle Cork expressed his concern about the property rights of the new owners, what about the rights of property owners who have been there? He stated he did not want STR next to his residents. John Shauver read a letter about the businesses that used to be in the area. Linda Cork would like to keep the area neighborly. Holden Biebel stated he was offended by comments, Trek North is a new business and is not going anywhere. Cindy C mentioned vacant property on old m28 was not well kept until it was sold and cleaned up by some of the new residents. Ann Kilpatrick questioned if there was a limit on STR? Her family has been in the area since the 1940's and has noticed more boat noise/snowmobiles, and what about pollution? Barb Anderson mentioned she cleans weeds etc. to keep the area/beach clean and seldom sees anyone else. She believes if it does not get re zoned there would not be room for a hotel/motel. Sara Kimar mentioned trash on the beach and public urination when she was out walking in the area on old m28. Lauren Goodman from Trek North has the same feelings about the lake and wants to keep it clean. She admitted she had forgotten her coke can and umbrella on the beach and would be more aware. Judy Kilpatrick has spent 75 summers here and believes everyone cares about the lake. Joe mentioned that the board allowed Bed and Breakfast. Jason Copeman spoke on many topics, allowing others the opportunity, mass assault against developers, the petition has signatures of some who already have a str, gas stations, hotels etc. could not happen due to restrictions. Tony Barnes wants the re zoning for multiple reasons, if does not get re zoned he wants ordinances, regulations, speed limit signs, paving of the road. Kyle Cork mentioned he has been unable to reach the supervisor. Sara Kimar stated that old m28 is the only area that is TD. Teresa Cunningham stated that if she had known 4 years ago that her property would be re zoned she would not have bought it. Ron C had to relocate but always wanted to come back. Joan Johnson asked if there were time limits to speak. Bill Carmody spoke about no mention in many years about commercial business on Old m28, he sold property to be residential. He mentioned Cuppad and our past zoning administrator said that old m28 should be LSR. Please let us have our neighborhood back and follow the masterplan. Mary Erickson said people do not respect the no trespass signs. Teresa Cunningham questioned how many additional

properties are available on old m28. Sarah Kimar stated 33. Kenneth Burt's daughter read a letter from him, would like the township to follow the master plan. Molly Carmody spoke on the ability of the children to be able to keep property after parents passing. Jason Copeman believes that the master plan is being misquoted. Sara Kimar mentioned her mom signed the original petition to re zone, how many businesses can old m28 handle? Sharlene C asked if it is re zoned would there be str rental ordinances? And fees?

Public Hearing Concluded at 11:12 am

Motion : Christopher Haydon

Support: Pamela Simmons

Motion Carried: All Ayes

Board Re-Opened the meeting at 11:13am

IV. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented

Motion: Cheryl Lane

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion carried. All Ayes

A motion was made to move money from the contingency fund for Deputy Supervisor

Motion: Brian Bressette

Support: Jennifer Hough

Motion Carried: All Ayes

Roll Call: Cheryl Lane

Brian Bressette

Christopher Haydon

Jennifer Hough

A motion was made to appoint Dave Squier as Deputy Supervisor

Motion: Christopher Haydon

Support: Brian Bressette

Motion Carried: All Ayes

The new members of the VFD were tabled until our next Board meeting, pending background checks.

V. Public Comment:

Jarod Biebel asked the board to vote now on the re zoning, wants closure. Some members of the attendees wanted the board to consider all that was shared at the Public hearing and vote at our next board meeting on August 3rd 2026. It was asked how we will go about making the decision. The board decided to table the vote until the next meeting. Nancy Bennett asked when the dumpsters were emptied. It was asked how to know what will be on the agenda in the future. Sarar Kimar thanked the board for their patience in the re zoning.

VI. Board Concerns:

Cheryl thanked everyone for coming, learned some new information.

VII. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourned at 11:30am

Motion: Christopher Haydon

Support: Jennifer Hough

Respectfully submitted

Onota Township Clerk: Pamela Simmons

Proposed: August 2nd 2026

Accepted: August 3rd 2026