

ONOTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:01PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Brian Mahoney, Fred Ivers, Vicki Ray, Brian Bresette, Erin Putvin

Absent: Mark Fisher, Michael Tarr

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Erin Putvin

Motion carried: 5-0

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented.

Motion: Vicki Ray

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried: 5-0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Nancy Bennett inquired about the inoperable windmill on Onota Hill and whether there is a bond or decommissioning requirements to be followed. In response, it was explained that the windmill has not been operating for a couple of years, and that no decommissioning requirements were/are in place.

VII. REPORTS

Zoning Administrator: Jason McCarthy (absent)

- Email received stating: "There were no new zoning compliance applications reviewed in May. I did speak with Dotti and she informed me that CUPPAD is working with you to revise some zoning provisions."

Township Board Representative: Brian Bresette

- Brian was in contact with Leo Maki this afternoon and will be meeting with an appraiser concerning the property adjacent to the township hall. The plan involves the township purchasing the land and logging the land, leaving all apple and cedar trees.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Master Plan is up on the Onota Township website and may be accessed via the “Planning” page.
- Discussion on placing a moratorium on short term rentals in Onota township in Town Development/Commercial locations.
- Erin Putvin read Bill and Molly Carmody’s letter addressing the township.
- Bill Carmody spoke about neighboring townships and cities placing moratoriums and regulations on short term rentals. Marquette, Munising, Grand Island Township have all place moratoriums on short term rentals. Bill also discussed restructuring current zoning in order to protect current full-time residents in the township.
- Brian Bresette moved that the Planning Commission contact MTA and the township attorney to find out if a moratorium can be applied to short term rentals in the Town Development locations. Vicki Ray supported the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
- Vicki will be in contact with MTA
- Brian and Fred will be in contact with the attorney.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:39PM

Motion: Vicki Ray
Support: Fred Ivers
Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Putvin
Planning Commission Secretary