

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
March 20, 2024

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor                      Jennifer Hough, Trustee  
                 Cheryl Lane, Treasurer                      Brian Bresette, Trustee

Absent: *No clerk*

**II. AGENDA**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended to add Pledge of Allegiance and to change budget under New Business to the end

Motion: Brian Bresette  
Support: Jennifer Hough  
Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented

Motion: Brian Bresette  
Support: Cheryl Lane  
Motion carried.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Clerk resignation/Clerk appointment

Motion was made to accept Clerk Tina Watkeys resignation as of 3-20-24

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Jennifer Hough  
Motion carried.

Motion was made to appoint Lisa Hanson as new clerk effective 3-21-24

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Abstain: Cheryl Lane  
Motion carried.

Supervisor thanked her for her interest in position at such a busy time.

B. Fire chief resignation/Fire chief appointment

Motion was made to accept Fire Chief Catherine Kimar resignation as of 3-20-24

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried

Motion was made to appoint Patrick Carey as Fire Chief as of 3-21-24

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

Supervisor thanked him for his interest in being chief and mentioned the priorities he faces of adding new members and the difficulties with communication with Alger County Sheriffs department.

C. Budget – Mike Gentz from Anderson Tackman was present to help us through budget

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

-Gloria Rinne – stated when special meeting was held

**VI. BOARD CONCERNS**

NONE

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Treasurer

Proposed: 3-21-24

Approved: 4-1-24