

ONOTA TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 27th 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am

Members Present: Pamela Simmons - Clerk	Brian Bressette - Trustee
Cheryl Lane -Treasurer	Jennifer Hough – Trustee
Christopher Haydon - Supervisor	

II. AGENDA

- A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended:
- A. Discussion on property around Township
 - B. AuTrain (Brownstone) boat launch
 - C. Lawyer Letter (not present)

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

III. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 7th 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The letter from Lawyer was read by Supervisor (copy on file) will proceed to send the letter to Timber Ridge. (certified)**

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

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

- B. Discussed Township job applications, the board decided to keep the application already established with the VFD, will use standard application for all other positions.
- C. The clerk needs to have all applications and VFD records in the township locked file cabinet.

Motion: Brian Bressette
Support: Pamela Simmons
Motion carried: All Ayes

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

- D. VFD Chief Carey presented a letter for a possible new position within the VFD. (copy on file) will need to check with insurance if position would be covered under the township insurance, supervisor will call and ask Hannula to attend a board meeting.
- E. VFD Chief Carey would like the VFD pay to be looked at and establish a breakdown of pay depending on position in VFD. Brian Bressette suggested for him to compare other similar VFD in area and present it to the board.
- F. Brian Bressette asked VFD Chief Carey how the repairs to the tanker were progressing, VFD Chief Carey stated that he was waiting for them to get back with him.
- G. Brian Bressette made a motion by resolution for VFD Chief Carey to have the Township Laptop and printer (used by the VFD) returned to township office and they need to remain in office. Chief Carey will set up a desk in the Supervisors office area.

Motion: Brian Bressette
Support : Pamela Simmons
Motion Carried: All Ayes

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

- H. VFD Chief Carey was informed that all new VFD hires need to be approved by the board and have a background check.
- I. Brian Bressette informed the board that Leo Maki may be willing to work with the township on property he owns around the township, with the stipulation that the township will incur all costs and fees. Motion was made to proceed.

Motion: Brian Bressette
Support: Pamela Simmons
Motion Carried: All Ayes

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Pamela Simmons

- J. Brian Bressette spoke with Brenda from the partnership with the forest service about the Au Train (Brownstone) boat launch and she suggested we continue with the present contract with the township for now and work on a new one when able (contracts are on hold)

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

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V. Public Comment:

Gloria Rinne asked if the VFD trucks are up to date on inspections

VI. Board Concern:

Cheryl Lane stated that meetings to go over policies are very helpful.

VII. Adjournment: 10:15 am

Motion: Cheryl Lane Support: Jennifer Hough

Respectfully Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 4/28/2025 Approved: 5/15/25
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