

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor
Brian Bresette, Trustee
Kirsten Blackstock, Clerk

Susan Kerst, Treasurer
Charlene McDonnell, Trustee

Members Absent: None

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion: Charlene McDonnell
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Treasurer Kerst presented the bills for payment.

A motion was made to pay the bills as presented for payment for \$6,427.98 for the general fund checks #3242-3266; \$4,937.90 for the fire fund, checks #1578-1581; and \$4,924.94 for the solid waste fund checks #1115-1116.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock to accept the Fire Dept grant & pay FD bill/all bills.
Support: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the balance sheet and profit and loss statements for the general fund, fire fund, solid waste fund and tax fund as presented by Clerk Blackstock for FEBRUARY 2016.

Motion: Susan Kerst
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Terry Pihlainen
Charlene McDonnell
Brian Bresette
Susan Kerst
Kirsten Blackstock

B. Assessor Report

Clerk Blackstock read Assessor Schmidt's report dated 1/23/16. A copy is on file.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

None.

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the Fire Department Report. A copy is on file.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that at the last meeting, they had discussed the amendments to the ordinance, and had discussed the need for appointment of chairperson.

F. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Pihlainen attended the DNR meeting in Marquette to discuss ideas/plans to restore the Tyoga Trail area.

He noted the County's ORV Ordinance is out of date, and he has been involved with a committee with all Alger townships to work on.

Any nominations for projects regional economic development are due to CUPPAD by February 15.

He briefly went over a letter of determination from FEMA.

Tentative budget amount of approximately \$10,000 has been discussed with Bob Lindbeck (Road Commission) for this year's projects.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:21 p.m.

Comment was received from Kate Zimmer, Jack.

Public Comment was closed at 7:25 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Zoning Administrator Applicants/ Appointment:

Applicants were introduced who have applied for the position, and an open discussion and questions were asked and answered of/from both:

Jason McCarthy

Mark Woolard

The appointment will be included in the special meeting agenda set for February 18, 2016 at 6 p.m.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. IT Applicants

None were received; we will keep the ads in the papers until the next board meeting.

- B. Board of Review Resolution to change date of March meeting
Will move this item to February 18, 2016 special meeting agenda item.

- C. Fire Department CD
Kirsten Blackstock made a motion to take out a \$50,000.00 CD for Fire Fund Truck Replacement.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Susan Kerst
Brian Bresette
Terry Pihlainen
Charlene McDonnell
Kirsten Blackstock

- D. Meeting dates for upcoming year
Clerk Blackstock referenced the tentative dates for upcoming year's meetings; the regular Board meeting dates are OK but Trustee Bresette will know more after the 2/9/16 Planning Commission meeting if they plan to continue monthly meetings.

Will move this item to February 18, 2016 special meeting agenda item to set dates.

- E. Adoption of Alger County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Communication read by Supervisor Pihlainen. He requested the board approve the resolution; Trustee McDonnell requested the board be provided more information, and this item will be moved to the February 18, 2016 special meeting agenda.

- F. Budget (Income):
Line items under income were discussed (previously overlooked CFR, Swamp Tax, Property Tax Admin Fee), in preparation to finish up budget.

- G. Township Hall Security:
Supervisor Pihlainen shared concerns of access to keys left in the office. He recommended a key box with access to locked keys & files only provided to board members.

Supervisor Pihlainen made a motion to purchase a key box (up to \$150.00) for the office and only the Board would have access.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 8:23 p.m.

Public comment was received from Terry Lane, Linda Mathieu, and Kate Zimmer.

Public comment was closed at 8:42 p.m.

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Susan: None

Brian: None

Kirsten: Asked if OK that Planning Commission March meeting was the same date as Election (3/8).

Charlene: None

Terry: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 02-01-2016
Approved: 02-18-2016