

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 2, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor  
Brian Bresette, Trustee

Susan Kerst, Treasurer  
Kirsten Blackstock, Clerk

Members Absent: Charlene McDonnell, Trustee

**II. AGENDA**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended. (Delay Key Policy item)

Motion: Brian Bresette (as amended)  
Support: Kirsten Blackstock  
Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. (Assessor Schmidt was in attendance at meeting)

Motion: Brian Bresette (as amended)  
Support: Susan Kerst  
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 \$7,130.22 for the general fund checks #3343-3368; \$2,169.50 for the fire fund, checks #1597-1601; and \$5,089.78 for the solid waste fund checks #1119-1120.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock  
Support: Terry Pihlainen  
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 MAY 2016.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

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

B. Assessor Report

Clerk Blackstock read Assessor Schmidt's report dated 4/24/16. A copy is on file.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

ZA Mark Woolard read his current monthly report, a copy is on file.

D. Fire Department Report

Captain Haggerty read the Fire Department Report. A copy is on file.

The Department requested up to \$750.00 for SCBA maintenance and service.

A motion was made by Susan Kerst to approve up to \$750 for SCBA maintenance and service.

Motion: Susan Kerst

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette spoke on file organization.

There has been a text change request amendment.

Need by-laws to change to 7-member committee.

F. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Pihlainen spoke about the hazardous waste left alongside the hall- change this month may apply and could potentially have paperwork done to remove in upcoming weeks.

Volunteers still needed for Dumpster Roll-Off May 21-22.

Bob Lindbeck from Road Commission and crew have been grading shoulders. A ride-around is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th at 10 a.m. (Terry/Brian) to ID problem areas to address.

Copy of oil collection sites in UP to add to website.

Tyoga Trail- not much progress in getting parties involved.

MI Public policy, Tobacco Survey completed this month.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Blackstock noted the monthly newsletters were available at the board table.

She also read a letter from the Alger Hemp Coalition.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at 7:17 p.m.

Comment was received from Mike McHaney & Jen Welch, then a female resident (name?), then Marie (?), then Jerry Jerou, then Kate Zimmer, lastly Wil Christensen.

Public Comment was closed at 7:36 p.m.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Key Policy:

(Delayed until next month meeting)

- B. FOIA Requests:  
(Will update and have info at next month meeting)

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Township Insurance Renewal:

Received renewal from Hannula Agency- no changes in coverage, billing period from 5/5/16 to 5/5/17. Terry Pihlainen made a motion to pay the \$5,973.00 renewal from 5/5/16 to 5/5/17.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

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

B. Tree Removal at Cemetery:

Dead tree with branches falling on fence at Cemetery- birds have hollowed out. Cost to remove is \$950.00 (Antler's Tree Service) or \$850.00 if we remove the wood, to come out of account 265-000. Terry Pihlainen made a motion to approve up to \$900 .00 for the tree removal.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

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

C. Planning Commission Appointment:

An email was received from Mary Henrickson of interest in continuing on the Planning Commission. Kirsten Blackstock made a motion to appoint Mary Henrickson for another term on the Planning Commission from May 2016 through May 2019.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at 7:57 p.m.  
Public comment was received from Kate Zimmer, Matt Haggerty, and Terry Lane.  
Public comment was closed at 8:02 p.m.

**X. BOARD CONCERNS**

Susan Kerst: requested to be informed of when there wasn't a quorum for meeting (BOR), stamp request  
Brian Bresette: None  
Kirsten Blackstock: None  
Terry Pihlainen: had a call for request for cemetery plots

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Motion: Susan Kerst  
Support: Brian Bresette  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock  
Onota Township Clerk  
Proposed: 05-02-16  
Approved: 06-06-2016