

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor Cheryl Lane, Treasurer
 Brian Bresette, Trustee Catherine Kimar, Clerk
 Connie Lacko, Trustee

Absent: *none*

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented,

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

A motion was made to pay the May monthly bills as presented:

- » \$19,479.99 for the general fund, checks #4743-75;
- » \$240.00 for the fire fund, checks #1977-79; and
- » \$5,629.89 for the solid waste fund, check #1198.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the monthly balance sheet and profit & loss statements for the general, fire, solid waste, and tax funds as presented by the clerk.

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Connie Lacko
Catherine Kimar
Brian Bresette
Cheryl Lane
Terry Pihlainen

Gen: 639,004.32
Fire: 264,555.91
SW: 139,373.71
Tax: 102.05

B. Assessor Report

The assessor reported one land division application and an upcoming Board of Review in July (copy on file).

C. Zoning Administrator Report

No report received – absent due to emergency situation at home (flooding).

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar reported two calls for trees on power lines in June (copy on file).

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that the Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing for the gravel pit application (conditional use). A hearing is scheduled for July 13 for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- Interim ZA is handling 5-6 applications until a new person is appointed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. A. Bek – expressed opposition to the proposed ORV trail.

B. C. Zavicar - expressed opposition to the proposed ORV trail.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:06 pm

Comment was received from: Char McDonnell asking about the date of the hearing for the gravel pit (scheduled for July 14 at 7pm) and the cell tower status.

Terry Lane mentioned that he bought a new flag with clips and asked about sanitizing the township hall for meetings or events.

Closed: 7:10 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Zoning Administrator Applicant

A resume was received from Mr. Dewey Horton, who owns a property at the base of Onota Hill, for the position of Zoning Administrator. The Board reviewed his resume and agreed the supervisor would call him and ascertain the situation before an interview was scheduled.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Review resolution

A motion was made to change the Board of Review date to July 20.

Motion: Catherine Kimar

Support: Connie Lacko

Motion carried.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Connie Lacko

Catherine Kimar

Brian Bresette

Cheryl Lane

Terry Pihlainen

B. Dumpsters

The problem with people overfilling the dumpsters is still occurring. The supervisor talked to Great American Disposal - who noted that they do not currently have a copy of any past contract. The clerk said she would search for a copy of the former contract to send to GAD.

C. Roads

1. **Deerton Sand-Lake Road**

The supervisor presented material he had received from the Alger Co Road Commission regarding the work planned for Deerton-Sand Lake Road.

A motion was made to approve up to \$15,000 for the Alger Co Road Commission to complete the work on Deerton-Sand Lake Road as agreed.

Motion:
Support:
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Connie Lacko
Catherine Kimar
Brian Bresette
Cheryl Lane
Terry Pihlainen

2. **Dust Control**

The treasurer explained that the Deerton-Onota Road had been excessively dusty with the dry weather and heat in the past few weeks, and the township should request costs from to see if this would be feasible. The supervisor said Au Train was willing to split the costs with Onota.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:28 pm

Comment was received from: Terry Lane – new GAD driver is not going down Peter White Rd; Gerald Gerou – do security cameras have night vision; Charlene McDonnell – asked about details of person applying to zoning administrator.

Closed: 7:32 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Brian – sexton/custodians need to submit hours

Connie – asked about generator progress

Catherine – (1) asked about drop box status (2) presented the board with a draft copy of the revised cemetery records book for review. She spent several hours at the cemetery as well as editing files to compile all available information so that the records would be more thorough.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 7/6/20
Approved: 8/3/20