

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 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 presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Terry Pihlainen
Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Charlene McDonnell
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 \$8,164.96 for the general fund checks #3427-3453; \$3,415.52 for the fire fund, checks #1618-1626; and \$5,078.64 for the solid waste fund check #1124.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Kirsten Blackstock
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 August, 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

No report was received from the Assessor this month.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

ZA Woolard reviewed the current month's activity, including a conditional use permit and 2 inquiries. A copy of his report is on file.

D. Fire Department Report

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

Requests were made by the Fire Department for \$500.00 repairs on the sending unit, and to reimburse Captain Hagerty \$757.00 he paid for a new alternator.

Terry Pihlainen motioned to pay \$500.00 for repair of sending unit.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Terry Pihlainen motioned to reimburse \$757.00 to Captain Hagerty for the new alternator.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that a public hearing was held on 7/12/16 for a conditional use permit for a pole building, which was approved. That was the only business that evening.

F. Supervisor Report

ISO letter of process of evaluation building code enforcement departments, which resulting BCEGS Class 4 will apply to our community.

DNR letter: received applications from private forest landowners to list land located in the township in Michigan's Commercial Forest program. If approved for listing, the listing will be effective in tax year 2017. A public hearing will be held September 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Alger County Courthouse conference room in Munising.

Communication from John Parlin- ongoing work on Tyoga trail- bridges and brushing.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Also received this month:

-Letter from Mqt Co Planning Commission on Adpoted Chapters of the Mqt Co Comprehensive plan, MCPC has adopted an amendment to the local zoning analysis chapter of the Mqt Co Comprehensive Plan.

-Communication to MI Municipalities and Video/Cable Providers- MI Public service commission resumes video franchise operations effective July 1, 2016.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:22 p.m.

Comment was received from Bill Dunham, (male resident?), Sarah Redmond.

Public Comment was closed at 7:31 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hall Improvements

Supervisor Pihlainen read the specs he prepared to place ad for bids on electrical upgrades to correct deficiencies.

A motion was made by Brian Bresette to approve the bid specifications as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

B. Fire Department Expenditure

Terry Pihlainen motioned to approve and pay the additional \$837.50 over the original approved amount for the SCBA fee.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Susan Kerst

Brian Bresette

Terry Pihlainen

Charlene McDonnell

Kirsten Blackstock

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission appointment:

Clerk Blackstock read a letter of interested received from Chris Kimar.

Terry Pihlainen recommended appointing Chris Kimar to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

B. Fall Dumpster Roll-Off:

Discussion was held on items to include on the postcard for the Fall Roll-Off.

Dates were set for September 24-25, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Clerk Blackstock asked for approval up to \$350.00 to cover the cost of the postcards and postage.

Brian Bresette motioned to approve up to \$350.00 for the postcards and postage.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Terry Pihlainen

Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:44 p.m.

Public comment was received from Matt Hagerty, Jack Noyce, Sarah Redmond, Delores Dolan, Wil Christensen, and Mrs. Noyce.

Public comment was closed at 7:55 p.m.

X. BOARD CONCERNS

SK: None

BB: None

CM: Question on the handicap ramp specs.

KB: FYI Carbonite was almost \$100 less cost than expected, also reminded September meeting in on TUES., Sept. 6th. due to holiday.

TP: Vote tomorrow.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 08-01-2016
Approved: 09-06-2016