

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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: Catherine Kimar
Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

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

- » \$6,806.33 for the general fund, checks #4776-98;
- » \$1,043.00 for the fire fund, checks #1980-82; and
- » \$5,805.98 for the solid waste fund, check #1199.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Connie Lacko
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: Brian Bresette
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

Roll call vote

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

Gen: 639,970.80
Fire: 263,593.39
SW: 133,573.49
Tax: 39,419.96

B. Assessor Report

The clerk read the assessor report (copy on file).

C. Zoning Administrator Report

No report was submitted.

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar reported one call for a lightning strike fire in July (copy on file).

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette reported that there was a special meeting of the ZBA regarding a variance on a lot on Deer Lake. This was granted with conditions. A conditional use hearing was held on July 14 for a gravel pit requested by a logging operation, which was granted.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- Roads:
 - * Road Commission said the culvert in Shelter Bay cannot be done this construction season.
 - * Deerton-Sand Lake Rd will hopefully be improved soon.
 - * Dust control would be about \$2,500 for a season.
- GIS overlays will be done by CUPPAD soon.
- Surveillance camera near garbage dumpsters is active.

G. Tyoga Trail (J. Highlen)

Still waiting for DNR to get back to the Friends of Tyoga group. Working on a materials list.

H. ORV trail (J. Biebel)

Jarrod Biebel gave a report on the ORV trail situation. He summarized the situation of three options. The forestry / logging company (Lyme Great Lakes) that owns a large portion of land in the area will be harvesting timber in the area. Private landowners in the area were not interested in the trail using their land.

He also was able to get paperwork for the township to advocate for MDOT to open up the shoulders of the roads to ORV traffic.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:14 pm

Comment was received from: John Highlen on the location of the proposed gravel pit (north of M28 near the recently logged area); Ron Christner on the Tioga Tavern situation and fire dept chimney cleaning; Terry Lane on the Great American Disposal contract & the dumpsters.

Closed: 7:15 pm

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Generator Propane Line

Wolverine Power Systems had come out to evaluate the generator situation and give a quote on a propane line hookup. They stated the generator would need its own, independent line, due to its potential high usage of propane.

A motion was made to approve up to \$1,670 for Wolverine Power Systems to install a gas line to the generator.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Connie Lacko
Catherine Kimar
Brian Bresette

B. Dumpster Rolloffs

The dates for the rolloff were set for Friday September 18 and Saturday September 19 with the hours of 10 am – 4 pm.

» Postcard / Newsletter

The clerk asked the board to review the copy from last fall. The board agreed on the current text with minor adjustments (update the actual dates of events).

C. Zoning Administrator Applicant

The board received two additional applications for the Zoning Administrator position. The supervisor had talked to both applicants (Timothy Wallace and Jason McCarthy). The board agreed it would be best to interview both candidates at a special meeting.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 7:34 pm

Comment was received from:

Jarrold Biebel on the letters of opposition from last month, whether or not a public hearing would need to be held for ORVs to use M28 corridor as an easement (the board said this would depend partly on MDOT), and that he would be willing to assist with the dumpster rolloffs as a volunteer;

Mat Watkeys on if the county would be grading gravel roads this fall (the supervisor said he would check with them); and

Ron Christner on if the Brownstone boat launch site and volunteer labor assistance.

Closed: 7:42 pm

X. BOARD CONCERNS

Brian – Boat launch signs have not been changed from AuTrain.

Catherine – Asked about drop box status.

Terry – Suggested voters come to the election.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 8/3/20
Approved: 9/8/20