

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor
Cheryl Lane, Treasurer
Catherine Kimar, Clerk

Connie Lacko, Trustee
Brian Bresette, Trustee

Absent: *Brian Bresette left after the public hearing due to work requirements.*

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

The supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:01 pm.

Jason Copeman (the petitioner for the amendment) gave a brief summary explaining the request for the change in zoning district for AuTrain Island.

Public comment was opened at 7:05 pm.

Comments were received from:

Opposing: Judy Kirkpatrick, Sue Graves, Mary Henricksen, Wendy Jorgenson, Sarah Redmond, Chris Goss, Linda Longo, John Shauver, Ann O'Leary, Joanne Hubinger, Joan Johnson, Mark Hubinger, Nancy Bennett, Kathy Heimburger, Linda Cork, William Kirkpatrick, Debra Laurie, Jerry Biehl, and William Dunham.

Supporting: Jason Copeman.

Neutral (*requests for details*): Tom Dummer, Jack Harmon

Correspondence was read from:

Opposing: Mary & Don Snitgen, Mary DePouw, Carl Hubinger, Scott Hickman, Martin Gagie, and Michael & Barbara Verhamme. *No correspondence in support was received.*

Public comment was closed at 8:05 pm.

Board Discussion

The board discussed the request. It was noted that the change did not follow with the master plan or zoning district standards, and that public input had been overwhelmingly negative.

A motion was made to deny the zoning map amendment request for AuTrain Island.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Catherine Kimar
Motion carried.

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

The public hearing was closed at 8:23 pm.

IV. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended (*correction of the vote tally on the motion to hold a second public hearing on the AuTrain island zoning map amendment*).

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

V. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

The treasurer presented the bills for payment.

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

- » \$19,305.06 for the general fund, checks # 4138-70;
- » \$3,651.69 for the fire fund, checks #1839-48
- » \$ 5,794.40 for the solid waste fund, checks #1163-65

Motion: Connie Lacko
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

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

Motion: Cheryl Lane
Support: Connie Lacko
Motion carried.

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

B. Assessor Report

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

C. Zoning Administrator Report

The clerk read the report from the zoning administrator (*copy on file*).

D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the fire department report (*copy on file*). The fire department agrees unanimously that there is a critical need to replace the rescue truck, as its reliability is in question based on the increasing frequency and criticality of repair needs.

E. Planning Commission Report

The recreation plan is expired and needs to be updated. The clerk will notify Planning Commission of this and provide them with copies of the plan for review.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- * Attended a regional government meeting and discussed M-28 traffic with the state police;
- * AT&T tower is still in progress, planned to be 250' high;
- * AuTrain Onota School is part of the Friends of Tyoga group and will assist with projects;
- * USFS meeting on Brownstone launch – average of 10 yr replacement/repair, possibility of the township running it as a concessionaire, the approximate annual budget is \$3,500. The township may be eligible to apply for grants for this site; and
- * Munising Landfill – repairs to fence will be approximately \$2,400. A breakdown of cost by participants has not been received yet.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- * FCC notification of tower permit
- * MTA classes in UP this fall

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 8:45 pm.

Comment was received from: Nancy Bennett on boat launch liability, fire department grants, and the planned cell tower.

Closed: 8:49 pm.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Township Hall Generator

The clerk suggested that the township take action on this soon, as the frequency of extended power outages was likely to start increasing with the onset of fall storms followed by winter. The supervisor would look expected costs and if bids would be needed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 8:52 pm.

Comment was received from: Char McDonnell and Mary Henricksen thanking the board for making efforts to seek public participation (*on issues such as the island zoning*).

Closed: 8:55 pm.

XI. BOARD CONCERNS

No concerns were expressed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Motion: Catherine Kimar
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Kimar
Onota Township Clerk
Proposed: 9/4/18
Approved: 10/1/18