

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor  
Kirsten Blackstock, Clerk

Susan Kerst, Treasurer  
Brian Bresette, Trustee (arrived late-see note)

Members Absent: Charlene McDonnell, Trustee

**II. AGENDA**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Susan Kerst  
Support: Terry Pihlainen  
Motion carried.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Susan Kerst  
Support: Terry Pihlainen  
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 \$7,761.54 for the general fund checks #3454-3485; \$1,959.49 for the fire fund, checks #1627-1634; and \$5,754.31 for the solid waste fund checks #1125-1127.

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 September, 2016.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

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

B. Assessor Report

Clerk Blackstock read Assessor Schmidt's report dated 8/28/16. A copy is on file.

C. Zoning Administrator Report

ZA Woolard presented his monthly report of new inquires, a copy is on file.

D. Fire Department Report

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

New firefighter applicants Eric Koronka and Bill Dunham were presented.

Requests were made for \$1,500.00 for annual DOT inspection, \$500.00 for pump testing, and \$1,100.00 for extrication tool maintenance. The department also requested up to \$760.00 for all 3 trained EMS members (Matt H., Catherine K, and James S) for the UP EMS Conference.

Kirsten Blackstock motioned to approve both Eric Koronka and Bill Dunham's applications for firefighter.

Motion: Kirsten Blackstock  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

Supervisor Pihlainen motioned to approve up to \$1,500.00 for annual DOT inspection.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>
Support: Kirsten Blackstock	Ayes: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.	Terry Pihlainen
	Kirsten Blackstock

Supervisor Pihlainen motioned to approve up to \$500.00 for pump testing.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>
Support: Susan Kerst	Ayes: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.	Terry Pihlainen
	Kirsten Blackstock

Supervisor Pihlainen motioned to approve up to \$1,100.00 for extrication tool maintenance.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>
Support: Kirsten Blackstock	Ayes: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.	Terry Pihlainen
	Kirsten Blackstock

Supervisor Pihlainen motioned to approve up to \$760.00 for the EMS trained members for the UP EMS Conference.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>
Support: Kirsten Blackstock	Ayes: Susan Kerst
Motion carried.	Terry Pihlainen
	Kirsten Blackstock

E. Planning Commission Report

PC Chair Wil Christensen noted the Planning Commission met at the hall in August but couldn't get inside the building, so therefore did not hold a meeting due to not having access.

F. Supervisor Report

Cell Tower:

4 major companies, 1 in 1000 chance a site will be selected. Verizon has already allocated its fund for the year. Zoning guidelines were reviewed.

Tyoga Settlement:

Brief overview of work progressing on bridges by the park service.

Survey:

FSUSA- Project Hiawatha Land Management

Safety Clean:

Coordinator site visit may happen with the Sept. 24-25 roll off? Noted we need another 55 gallon drum.

\*\*\* TRUSTEE BRESSETTE ARRIVED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT \*\*\*

Resident Gerou:

Supervisor Pihlainen read a letter written about gravel and grading concerns.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from DNR Shingleton Management unit announcing a public open house on 9/29/16 and Compartment Review on 10/13/16.

Clerk Blackstock read a letter of interest in the Planning Commission from resident Bill Dunham.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at 7:38 p.m.

Comment was received from Chris Kimar, Sarah Redmond, and Wil Christensen.

Public Comment was closed at 7:40 p.m.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Hall improvements (Bid opening for electrical upgrades):

Bids were received from 2 companies and opened. Discussion was held on contents of both.

Kukla Electric (Marquette) \$3,306.64

Imperial Electric (Trenary) \$4,500.00

Brian Bresette motioned to hire Imperial Electric to do the upgrades.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Susan Kerst

Brian Bresette

Terry Pihlainen

Kirsten Blackstock

B. Key Policy:

After discussion on who should have access, it was decided as per the current policy, Planning Commission chair Wil Christensen would be given a key.

C. Road Projects (Alger County Road Commission):

Supervisor Pihlainen noted the Road Commission needs copies of minutes noting the board's approved projects completed in 2016.

Terry Pihlainen motioned to approve this year's projects of Karvonen Road and portion of Sand Lake Road.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. GIS System:

Supervisor Pihlainen attended the County's meeting on GIS mapping system of parcel data.

Overview included:

- County needs to get in place or action by January
- Townships are broken down by population
- Estimated \$5,000.00 annual maint. Fee (total county)
- Sept. 19th is County Commission meeting to open final bids, will contact townships with what their portion would be

Informational only, no action needed, more info will be given at the October meeting.

B. Propane (Annual contract):

Supervisor Pihlainen motioned to stay with U.P. Propane and to continue to fill on as-needed basis (not pre-buy with a contract).

Motion: Terry Pihlainen

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 8:29 p.m.

Public comment was received from Gerry Jerou, Terry Lane, Sarah Redmond, Mike M., Mark Woolard, and Delores Dolan.

Public comment was closed at 8:41 p.m.

**X. BOARD CONCERNS**

Susan Kerst: none

Brian Bresette: none

Kirsten Blackstock: Set the Election Commission Meeting (for November 8th election) for Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. prior to regular board meeting.

Terry Pihlainen: Addressed rumors/ update on post office and situation with porta potty.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Susan Kerst

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Blackstock  
Onota Township Clerk  
Proposed: 09-06-2016  
Approved: 10-03-2016