

ONOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Present: Terry Pihlainen, Supervisor
Cheryl Lane, Treasurer
Brian Bresette, Trustee

Connie Lacko, Trustee
Catherine Kimar, Clerk

Absent: none

II. AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended (*supervisor added "discussion of events leading up to situation" as item A, moved firehall furnace to item B*).

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 10/5 board meeting as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Events

There was considerable discussion regarding the events leading to this situation.

B. Furnace replacement

A motion was made to waive the bid process and award the bid to Trudell for \$4,319.00 to install the furnace in the firehall.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened: 2:22 pm

Received from: Terry Lane on Swick returning the deposit; Dave Kimar on the need for professional behavior at meetings; Chris Kimar on the cancellation of the furnace installation (submitted in writing, on file in the board packet); and Sarah Kimar on how blocking installation of a furnace created an unnecessary risk to safety and equipment readiness.

Closed: 2:29 pm

VI. BOARD CONCERNS

Brian – when will the furnace be installed (supervisor said Thursday).

Catherine – the board should consider an Ethics Ordinance; the actions of the supervisor jeopardized working relationships between board members.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 pm.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Cheryl Lane
Motion carried.

Proposed: 10/26/20

Approved: 11/2/20