

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Onondaga Township Board was called to order on August 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM. The location for this meeting was 4756 Baldwin St. Onondaga, MI. We said the pledge and had a moment of silence.

Present were, Trustee Jim Tow, Clerk Diane Johnson, Trustee Mary Jane Hector, Treasurer Rhiannon Schindewolf-DeShais, and Supervisor Steven Dwight. Present also were 5 citizens.

SET AND/OR AMEND THE AGENDA:

Diane asked to have Rodger hectors resignation from the park board added. Jim made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Rhiannon seconded. All Ayes.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment started at 7:33 and ended at 7:33.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Steve discussed the report submitted by the Fire Chief.

TREASURER:

Rhiannon discussed the report she submitted. The balance on July 31 was \$48,072.70.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

On summer vacation

CLERK:

Diane mentioned the auditor will be here on the 5th and 6th of September.

ZONING ENFORCMENT:

Rodger read his report. Steve had questions about some of the reported activities. Rodger mentioned he will not be here the 9th thru the 17th of September.

PARKS:

Rhiannon discussed her report. She asked Jim Knighten from the park board to speak. He explained the DEQ will need more money to allow us to go any further in the trails. He asked about donations. Steve will check with MTA on this.

SUPERVISOR:

Steve mentioned on September 9th there will be a meeting for open carry gun owners at the park.

TRUSTEES:

Mary Jane reported that since the lunches have been at the hall there have been 114 children and 80 adult lunches served.

PETITIONS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS:

Steve discussed the Fire Dept. Ordinance changes needed. We will send this to the attorney for advice. Rhiannon made a motion to send it to Lizzie and have her to review it. Steve gave support. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jim moved to approve the July 13th minutes. Mary Jane seconded. All ayes. Diane explained we needed to approve the annual meeting minutes so the land sale can be finalized.

Rhiannon made a motion to approve the minutes from the annual meeting. Jim seconded. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mary Jane made a motion to approve the bills. Jim seconded. All Ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CUSTODIAN DUTIES; Diane felt that "except Christmas Eve" should be added to # 2, since the board had agreed on that last month. Discussion followed. Rhiannon made a motion to accept the amended job description for the custodian. Steve seconded. Four Ayes.
2. FARMERS MARKET; we discussed cost, location days, and placement during Onondaga Days. Diane will advertise that a farmers market is being started. Steve made a motion to approve the farmers market on the firehouse lawn, during weekends. Rhiannon seconded. Discussion followed weekends is understood to mean Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All Ayes
3. LAWNMOWING; Steve explained that per the contract it takes board action to tell the lawnmower to mow extra or not to mow. Discussion followed how to deal with this situation. Steve made a motion to leave the mowing on drought days to the discretion of the lawnmower, after checking with Pat Clone. Rhiannon seconded. All ayes.
4. TREES IN CEMETERY; Steve explained there are four oak trees in Lane Cemetery that need to come down. He has gotten several bids, which he read aloud. Discussion followed. Rhiannon made a motion for Johnnies. Jim seconded. All ayes.
5. ROAD CLOSING; Diane questioned why the township is the applicant since we are not the ones putting on the Onondaga Days. Discussion followed. This closing is only for the half an hour for the parade. Steve made a motion that we accept this that we shut the road down for a half hour for the parade, that's all we've got' and it's too late to get anything else done. Rhiannon seconded. All ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. CHAIR DOLLIES; Mary Jane explained the need for getting chair dollies for the hall. We would need two collies which hold 50 chairs each. The cost would be \$265.00 each. Rhiannon made a motion to get two chair dollies. Jim seconded. All ayes.
2. FERRIS ROAD PROPERTY; Steve would like to purchase the property we purchased on Ferris Road. He discussed this with MTA. Diane took over the meeting. She explained if several people wanted this property the board should find out how each would use the property and sell to the person that would make it most beneficial to the township. Discussion followed. Mary Jane made a motion that we sell it to Steve. Jim seconded. Four Ayes. Steve gave Rhiannon a check for \$4768.25 to purchase this property. When we get all the paperwork in we will complete the sale.
3. RESIGNATION; Rodger Hector turned in his resignation from the park board. Rhiannon read the resignation letter. Jim made a motion to accept this, with sadness. Steve seconded. Three ayes.

Rhiannon thanked several people for folding and stuffing mailers for the Onondaga Days.

Steve mentioned he has gotten the paint for the door and windows areas. He has also calked the areas Leslie had listed on the custodian report. He will be getting with Highfields to get some help with the painting. He will be checking on flooring for the ladies bathroom. This would be a winter project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Jane made a motion to adjourn. Jim seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Minutes written and submitted by,
Diane Johnson, Onondaga Township Clerk