

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Onondaga Township Board was called to order on December 8, 2016 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, Treasurer Rhiannon Schindewolf-DeShais, Trustee Mary Jane Hector Clerk Diane Johnson and Supervisor Steven Dwight. Present also were 16 citizens

SET AND/OR AMEND THE AGENDA

Jim made a motion to set the agenda as presented. Rhiannon seconded. All ayes

PUBLIC COMMENT AND/OR INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Public comment started and ended at 7:32.

New Business # 1 was moved up. KATHRYN BURKHOLDER – CONSUMERS ENERGY Kathryn explained the advantages of the new meters being installed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Fire Chief discussed his report. He discussed the structure fire the night of the power outage and how our equipment was able to find a fire inside the wall and avoid extensive damage. He also mentioned he received a \$5000.00 matching grant from the DNR for wildlife fire equipment.

TREASURER

Report submitted. The ending balance on November 30 was \$17258.37. She also mentioned she is collecting taxes. She will not be in on Thursday the 22nd but will be in a full day on the 28th.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

CLERK

Diane discussed an election worker had a check returned and will be getting the information to us to find out from our bank the reason. She also mentioned the recount is off again, we can pick our ballots up from Mason on Friday.

ZONING ENFORCMENT

Rodger read the report he submitted.

PARKS

Rhiannon stated they are not having meetings now. She asked Jim Knighton to report on the work he has been doing on the trails. Jim mentioned getting donations of dirt and pavers. Also having over 40 hours of volunteer work done.

SUPERVISOR

Steve discussed a land division he will be working on. He also read a reply from the attorney on the Don Johnson Special Use. Steve also mentioned a training he and Mary Jane attended, plus a MTA training he will be going to.

TRUSTEES

None

PETITIONS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jim made a motion to accept last months minutes. Rhiannon seconded. All Ayes

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mary Jane made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Jim seconded. All ayes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

1. TAX SALE LAND; Discussion on purchasing this land. Steve will get more information and call a special meeting if necessary.
2. SNOWPLOW BIDS. Steve was aware there was a bid for digging graves in one of the snowplow bids so we moved this forward. The Three bids were opened and read by Steve. Discussion followed. Rhiannon made a motion to hire Never Rest. Jim seconded. All ayes.
3. GRAVEDIGGING. Discussion on the people available. Jim made a motion to hire Bob Baker to dig the graves. Diane seconded. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS;

- 2 BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS. Steve has checked with the current board. One member will not be coming back therefore he would like to wait until January to make the appointments. Steve made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Jim seconded. All ayes.
- 3 PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS; Steve made a motion to appoint Richard Hoskins to the planning commission. Mary Jane seconded. All ayes.
Steve made a motion to appoint Ernest Hobart to the Planning Commission. Jim seconded all ayes.
Steve made a motion to appoint Leah Brooks to the Planning Commission. Rhiannon seconded. All Ayes.
- 4 BOARD LIAISON APPOINTMENT; Discussion on who on the board would like to be the liaison. Rhiannon made a motion to keep Jim Tow as liaison. Steve seconded. Four ayes. No Nays
- 5 LIQUOR INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT; Steve made a motion to appoint Mark Cruth as liquor inspector. Mary Jane seconded. Discussion followed. All ayes
- 6 SUPERVISOR SPENDING LIMIT; Steve discussed the supervisor spending limit of \$1000.00. Steve made a motion to abolish this. Jim seconded. Four ayes

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment started at 8:40 and ended at 8:45

ADJOURNMENT

Jim made a motion to adjourn. Mary Jane seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Minutes written and submitted by
Diane Johnson,
Onondaga Township Clerk