

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Onondaga Township Board was called to order on November 8, 2015 at 7:30PM.

Present were Russ Bodell, and Rhiannon Schindewolf-DeShais, Matt Schindewolf, Diane Johnson and Jim Tow. Present also were 8 citizens.

SET AND/OR AMEND THE AGENDA

Matt added change of board meeting date for December. Rhiannon made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Russ seconded. All ayes

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND/OR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment started at 7:34 and ended at 7:39. Matt introduced County Commissioner Maiville.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Tow discussed his report. He also discussed a DNR grant he is waiting to hear about and mentioned a fire in Leslie today.

TREASURER

The ending balance on October 31 was \$6520.64. Rhiannon also mentioned the winter taxes will be going out soon. Rhiannon also discussed the renewal for data clinic.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Tow reported they had a meeting in October.

CLERK

Diane discussed her report that was submitted. She also mentioned meeting with Jason from David Chapman Agency today.

TRUSTEES

Jim mentioned he is curious about tombstone burning. He hasn't found any stones that were burnt. He stated we have always burnt leaves at the cemetery and he did not feel there were any stones hurt. A citizen spoke stating she has a couple headstones in the cemetery and would appreciate it if they were not burnt. Matt spoke stating he looked at what was there and rinsed the soot off the stones, there is no way the fire intensity of the leaves can damage headstones. The stones in that area are the same vintage and have the same decolonization of black growth, black moss, and oxidation on them. He rinsed some soot off the stones and was able to see the dates on them. He is here to verify that there is

no damage to the stones and you can't get enough heat from leaves to damage the stones. Jim referred back to the clerks report - I do not like paying for work that is not being done. He asked if she was referring to the work in the big cemetery a month or so ago. Diane stated she was referring to Lane. She stated two times we were charged with mowing Lane when she was there daily taking pictures daily and writing in a log her observations. More discussion followed. Jim felt in the same token about paying for work that is not getting done, we have a custodian that can't mop the floor, and refused to clean up. Discussion on the boards agreement to have the kitchen and bathrooms professionally cleaned after the coons, and Jim stated he mopped and the water was black. Rhiannon questioned about the written instructions. Matt stated he made the request of her to address the bathrooms and she refused. Insubordinate behavior is not good for long term. Diane stated the board can fire her right now. That is a decision of the board. Discussion followed. Rhiannon suggested she receive a warning. Jim mentioned he is still waiting on an answer on the big cemetery. Discussion followed.

Russ stated "I am sitting here bewildered after the week I have had at a real job. I am amazed how much energy people spend on trivial s---t. Amazed and a bit ashamed at you all, some more than others. I find a lot of peoples actions disgust me. Primarily our clerks. Put your mind at ease Diane I won't be running for your job in 2016. I probably won't even be running for trustee in 2016, because I have become sickened by this entire process in the last few years, primarily because of you, Your inability to do your job, your incredible ability to stick your nose where it don't belong, and micro manage s---t that doesn't need your attention. Meanwhile back at the ranch, bunnies are getting out, nobody's feeding the horses, Oh by G-d, we are getting the grass cut, and we are chasing down making sure nobody builds buildings, gets their s---t built makes sure everybody gets six month to get their building permit approved. Call people at work when they have real jobs to do, to ask them to go up to look at headstones (inaudible) (things early at the cemetery) I am just wondering are you losing your mind, Maybe you should resign. Of course, why not drag it down, take it with you. You stopped doing the right thing over a year ago. Don't call me on the phone I won't answer. If you want to call an attorney and try to get me fired or sued or arrested, do whatever you gotta do Diane. You called the attorney seven times; burn up all the townships money on the attorneys. I know you've been doing that. Good do it again tomorrow we got extra cash to throw around. Other than that, that's all I got to say". You should be embarrassed I'm embarrassed for you. I have nothing else.

PARKS

Russ mentioned they are deep into the grant process. They have a meeting on the 20th with the drain commission. There may be some money available so we won't have to use all of the grant money. This may add a drainage district assessment. The clean-up is complete. The bathrooms are closed but the park is open year round. Matt mentioned he had a call from a resident wanting to deer hunt on the park property. Discussion followed.

Matt stated it is the consent of the board no hunting will be allowed on township park property.

SUPERVISOR

Matt thanked Russ, Roger and Pat for the clean-up. Russ mentioned they announced they were doing it on a certain day, and they changed it without telling anyone. Randy Maiville mentioned Highfields is looking for places to do community work. Matt will call them to see if they could do general clean –up on main street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rhiannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the October board meeting. Russ seconded. 4 ayes, Diane abstained.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jim questioned the TLW bill. Discussion followed on the reasons for two additional billings from them. Diane explained this was things that had been discussed with the supervisor, that were not part of the original bid.

Rhiannon made a motion to pay the bills. Diane seconded. All ayes

PITITIONS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

YELLOW BUILDING Russ mentioned someone mentioned it would be a good museum. Rhiannon feels this building is bringing in an income and people would not be interested in an Onondaga Museum. Diane passed out an income and cost sheet for the last year. Matt commented on the need to have the building occupied. He also stated if the rent covers the taxes, the electric and the snow shoveling, the benefit of having the building occupied makes this small town not appear to be dying. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS;

- 1. ASSESSING BUDGET ADMENDMENT** Matt discussed changing the budget so Leonard can work two afternoons a week. Discussion followed. Rhiannon made a motion to make an amendment to the budget, she did not see where this would negatively affect us, unless it starts to prove that he is here and he has nothing to do, but right now they have plenty to do. Matt added an amendment, that this be for a six month trial period. Russ seconded. Discussion. 4 ayes 1 nay.
- 2. SNOWPLOWING BIDS** Matt opened the sealed bids. First John Myers bid was for shoveling the sidewalks at a cost of \$35 an hour, and the township will buy the salt. Second was a bid from James Tow for Plowing at \$85 an hour and shoveling at \$35 an hour. Salt will be furnished by the township, and payment will be made by-weekly. Discussion followed. Diane made a motion to accept the bid from James Tow. Rhiannon seconded. Discussion followed. 4 ayes, Jim abstained.

3. LANDSALE Matt explained the township had purchased two properties prior to the tax sale. Today we are discussing the 5670 Rossman Road property. He explained the procedures for selling the property. Matt moved to have the township attorney draft up a sales agreement between Onondaga Township and Ms. Brandi Finch for the sale of the property contingent to her property, 5670 Rossman Road, in the amount of money that the township paid for that property in order to gain control, and any other associated cost, survey if necessary, title fees etc. etc. That motion clearly, will be will be contingent upon my being able to confer for sure that there are no ordinances in Onondaga townships books that preclude the direct sale, and if there are not, the attorneys will proceed forthwith and get this taken care of. Jim seconded. Discussion followed. This will began by November 23rd. Bodell-yes, Schindewolf-DeShais-yes, Schindewolf-yes, Johnson-yes, Tow-yes.
4. DECEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE Matt explained that he will not be able to attend the meeting on December 10th. He asked the board to change the date of the meeting to Tuesday the 8th. Rhiannon moved to change the meeting date to the 8th. Jim seconded. Discussion. All Ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Started and ended at 9:00.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim made a motion to adjourn. Diane seconded. All ayes meeting adjourned at 9:03

Minutes written and submitted by Diane Johnson,
Onondaga Township Clerk