

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan.

Members Present: Supervisor Winn, Clerk Squibbs, Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander, Trustees McPherson, Moll, Bumgart and Burns.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mike Schwartz, Township Engineer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Winn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Consent Agenda:

A motion by Squibbs with support by Winn was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the February 10, 2020 Board Minutes, Agenda Items and Payment of Bills in the amount of \$184,973.69

Roll Call: Yes – McPherson, Burns, Moll, Bumgart, Lunarde-Alexander, Squibbs, Winn.

No – None.

Motion carried.

Open Forum:

No comments.

Old Business:

EMC Insurance: Received information and price quotes from Ted Hartleb Insurance regarding a cyber liability policy. The board would like to have Dave Bellingar come to the next board meeting to give information and answer any questions from board members.

Motion by McPherson with support from Lunarde-Alexander to table the cyber liability insurance proposal until the April board meeting.

Y – 7, N – 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

MDEQ Grant Program/Andrews Mobile Home Park: Andrews Mobile Home Park is seeking grant money through a MDEQ program to install water lines and connect to Otsego Township public water. They are currently connected to the Otsego Township public sewer. Andrews Mobile Home Park will be responsible for 100% of the cost of the project but the MDEQ requires the Township to apply for the grant money. If the grant application approved, the Township will require an escrow to cover the 20% of the project cost not covered by the grant, will pay contractors for the construction of the system and will request reimbursement through the grant program. Documents have been submitted to MDEQ and an agreement for the terms of payment has been drafted to be approved after Andrews Mobile Home Park is accepted into the grant program.

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Capital Project Proposal: Mike Schwartz presented information about capital improvement projects. Hazelwood subdivision has tested positive for PFAS and may be eligible for a grant project to install public water. The Board also is considering extending public utilities to the Bridge Acres subdivision and completing looping projects for the water system. Prein and Newhof presented a proposal to perform the preliminary engineering and prepare the application to be submitted to USDA Rural Development for their low interest loan program. Motion by Burns with support from Moll to approve the proposal from Prein and Newhof to begin the preliminary engineering and application process.

Roll Call: Yes – McPherson, Burns, Moll, Bumgart, Lunarde-Alexander, Squibbs, Winn.

No – None.

Motion carried.

Budget Discussion: Preliminary budgets were presented to the board members. There was a request for more information regarding the cyber liability insurance and the impact of Public Works Manager Cushman being appointed Operator-In-Charge for the water system. There was discussion regarding medical runs being provided by the Otsego Fire Department. The Township is under contract with Plainwell EMS to provide ambulance service to the residents with a response time equivalent to the response time from the fire department. Motion by Winn with support from Squibbs to stop having the Otsego Fire Department respond to Priority 1, 2 or 3 medical runs effective July 1, 2020.

Roll Call: Yes – McPherson, Burns, Moll, Lunarde-Alexander, Squibbs, Winn.

No – Bumgart.

Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

None.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Squibbs was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion carried.

Joan Squibbs, Clerk

Bryan Winn, Supervisor

I, the undersigned Joan Squibbs, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 2nd day of March, 2020.

Joan Squibbs, Clerk
Otsego Township