

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ARPA WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD  
HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 18, 2022**

The special meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, April 18, 2022, at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Otsego, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: None.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**New Business:**

**April 11, 2022, Minutes:** There was a motion by Lunarde-Alexander with support by Winn to approve the minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Aye- 7

Nay-0

**ARPA Discussion:** Otsego Township, like many other municipalities is in the process of receiving around \$600,000.00 from the federal government. It had to be applied for and the projects will have to be reported on yearly. The board has until 2024 to decide where and how the money will be spent and then the money must be spent by 2026. The board discussed several different options and opinions on how to best spend these funds for the community. No decisions were concretely made as this was purely to discuss the boards options.

Capital improvements to the Township Hall were heavily discussed so that the money won't have to come out of the general fund in the future. Some of the capital improvements discussed were: updating the bathrooms to be hands free to help slow the spread of germs, updating the hvac system to filter the air more efficiently, new siding, windows, and doors to help with efficiency and replacing the basement floor as the tiles are lifting. Putting in an addition with a drive through window and a night deposit of sorts for people to put their ballots in during election time.

Cemetery improvements were also discussed. The sexton is going to look at prices for columbariums so the board can further discuss what options there are to add these options for the community as well as keep the future maintenance costs down.

There is also an election security grant available that will reimburse the township up to \$1500.00 per precinct, so \$3,000.00 as there are 2 precincts at Otsego Township. Due to this, the board also discussed spending some funds on security cameras and possibly key cards to get into the building.

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Premium Pay for the Public Works employees was suggested.

There was a suggestion to use the funds for fire/med runs.

Putting up a transfer station was discussed.

The board is also waiting to hear from the County to see what sort of matching funds they would be looking for to get help with our water/sewer expansion project.

Supervisor Winn is going to get quotes from different people to see what types of costs the capital improvements will bring.

**Open Forum: Non-Agenda Items:**

None.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Moll was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m.

Aye-7, Nay – 0, Absent-0.

Motion carried.

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Jen Colin, Clerk

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Bryan Winn, Supervisor

I, the undersigned Jen Colin, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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Jen Colin, Clerk  
Otsego Township