

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY MAY 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, May 9, 2022, at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th 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.

Consent Agenda:

A motion by Lunarde-Alexander with support by McPherson was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the April 18, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes, journal entries, bills in the amount of \$82,293.60 and Agenda Items as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent- None.

Motion carried.

Open Forum:

Matt Nilson, a republican running for state representative for the 39th district in August, was in attendance and introduced himself to the board.

Fire Chief Weber was present and gave updates from the Otsego Fire department over the last month including staffing changes and maintenance done. He mentioned that the city and the township need to get together to discuss and decide how they will want to proceed with replacing the arial truck in the near future.

Old Business:

Ground Lease Agreement with Dish: Supervisor Winn updated the board on his correspondence with Dish and said that he has not received word back from them at this time.

M89 Streetlights: Supervisor Winn told the board that he has been in contact with Consumers about putting more streetlights on M89. Consumers is suggesting 35 streetlights at \$100.00 each as of their last conversation but they can not get us any documentation to move on until they hear back from the state.

New Business:

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Cartridge World Agreement Renewal: Cartridge World has been maintaining and servicing the printer/scanner/fax machine, but our agreement has expired. They produced us with an Addendum to the initial agreement for a period of 2 years that includes maintenance and service on 3 of the printers at the township hall. There was a motion made by McPherson with support by Lunarde-Alexander that we accept the addendum presented by Cartridge World.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Alano Club Lease: The Alano Club has leased the township's building at 115 S. Farmer St. in Otsego since the 1980s. They hold around 17 meetings a week and have helped thousands of people with their services. They have done several updates and maintenance to the building since they have been in it and will continue to do so if the lease is renewed. There was a motion made by Winn with support by Burns to renew the lease with the Alano Club.

Aye: All.

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

108th Estimate: The ACRC sent over an initial work order with a guesstimate of \$181,500 for paving 108th Avenue that the board approved for the county to send out for bidding. Black Gold Transport came back with the lowest bid for the actual estimate, not including engineering and overhead at \$196,350.00. The other bids ranged from \$219,436.00 to \$239,246.00. There was a motion made by McPherson with support by Winn to accept the bid from Black Gold Transport.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

ARPA Estimates: Supervisor Winn is in the process of writing up specs so he can get estimates for some of the projects discussed at the ARPA Workshop on April 18th.

Bulk Trash: Supervisor Winn relayed that the bulk trash pickup is complete and went much more smoothly than it did the past 2 years.

Water Sewer Expansion Project: Supervisor Winn spoke with County Commissioner Dugan regarding when we would know how the county is planning to use their ARPA funds for water and sewer. It sounds like the county is wanting to do a phase 2 water study involving filters and it will not be done for around

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6 months. EGLE did reach out for more information from the township as we are being reconsidered for their C2R2 grant, but we do not have any further information at this time.

Cost Recovery Ordinance: Supervisor Winn, Clerk Colin and Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander met with 2 members of the Otsego Fire Department to discuss how the process would work for our cost recovery ordinance. More information is needed from the city before we can start utilizing this ordinance.

Fire Department Trucks/Equipment: Supervisor Winn received an email from City Manager Mitchell about the aerial fire truck that needs to be replaced. Winn will reach out to Mitchell to discuss ideas and the possibility of doing a fire district. Winn also mentioned that we will need to get ballot wording approved for the November ballot no later than the August meeting.

Trustee Position: Trustee McPherson will be moving out of the township soon and the June meeting will be his last meeting. This will open up a trustee position on the board. Clerk Colin will post the opening before the next meeting.

Open Forum: Non-Agenda Items:

Several residents were in attendance and spoke about road, blight and zoning issues.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Moll was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m.

Aye-7, Nay – 0, Absent-0.

Motion carried.

Jen Colin, Clerk

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 9th day of May, 2022.

Jen Colin, Clerk
Otsego Township