

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, August 8, 2022, at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan.

Members Present: Supervisor Winn, Clerk Colin, Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander, Trustees Moll, Bumgart, Gudith, 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 Winn with support by Lunarde-Alexander was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the July 11, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes, journal entries, bills in the amount of \$112,510.83.

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

No – None.

Absent- None.

Motion carried.

Open Forum:

County Commissioner Dugan presented the board with information about meetings over the past month. He mentioned that the Board of Commissioners would be meeting this Thursday (August 11) to discuss ARPA applications that have been submitted.

Fire Chief Weber was present and gave updates from the Otsego Fire department over the last month including staffing changes. He mentioned that the fire department is still looking for new people to join their department and requested that the township share the city's post regarding looking for firefighters. The monthly report is still being put together due to the huge storm that came through and put them behind.

Old Business:

Building Cost Estimates (ARPA): Supervisor Winn gave very preliminary estimates on what some of the building costs would be to help with the township hall building maintenance. He will reach out to others for more involved estimates if the board decides to move forward with any of the projects.

New Business:

Cummins Contract Renewal: Cummins is a company that services the 13th Street Lift station once per year according to their contract. Public Works Manager Cushman is happy with

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their service. A motion was made by Burns with support by Lunarde-Alexander to approve the contract renewal as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Parking Lot Striping and Resurfacing: A resident came in and asked if the township would restripe the parking lot as the lines are difficult to see. Due to it being time to seal the parking lot as well, we received 2 bids for resurfacing and striping and one for only striping in case the board just wanted to do that. The bids were from Tustins Asphalt Sealing, ACE Parking Lot Striping Inc., and All Star Asphalt Sealing and Maintenance, LLC. A motion was made by Winn with support by Moll to accept the bid from Tustins for resurfacing and striping as presented and to use ARPA funds to pay for this.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Fire Millage Resolution: The millage collected for fire department operations is expiring. The Township has collected .50 mills for fire operations. A resolution was presented to place language on the November 8, 2022 ballot to renew the millage at the current level. A motion was made by Burns with support by Winn to adopt the resolution for the ballot language as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Trash Millage Resolution: The millage collected for solid waste disposal is expiring. The Township has collected .25 mills for solid waste disposal. A resolution was presented to place language on the November 8, 2022 ballot to renew the millage at the current level. A motion was made by Winn with support by Burns to adopt the resolution for the ballot language as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Road Millage Resolution: A resolution was presented with language to be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot to renew the 1.5 mills collected for road maintenance and improvements. A motion was made by Moll with support by Winn to adopt the resolution for the ballot language as presented.

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

No – None.

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Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Percentage Rates for Sewer and Water: There was discussion at the board level on what interest is going to be charged for the USDA loan repayment. A motion was made by Winn with support by Burns to charge 1% over the township's interest rate for the USDA loan.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Separate SADs for Water and Sewer Projects: The board needed to decide if they were going to present the residents with separate SADs for water and sewer or if it would just be presented as one SAD for both. A motion was made by Moll with support by Winn to present as one Special Assessment District for water and sewer for the meetings to be held on August 16, 17 and 18 2022.

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

No – None.

Absent-None.

Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

Supervisor Winn thanked the Otsego Fire Department for their hard work during the bad storm that came through the Otsego/Plainwell area.

Open Forum: Non-Agenda Items:

A few residents were present and made comments on the upcoming meetings with the water and sewer projects and voiced complaints.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Moll was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55p.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 8th day of August 2022.

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