

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 10 , 2023**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, April 10, 2023, at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan.

Members Present: Supervisor Winn, Clerk Colin, Trustees Bumgart, Moll, Burns, Gudith.

Members Absent: Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander.

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 March 13, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes, the March 25, 2023, Township Board Special meeting minutes, journal entries, budget adjustments, bills in the amount of \$112,702.69.

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

No – None.

Absent- Lunarde-Alexander.

Motion carried.

Open Forum:

City of Otsego Fire Chief Weber was present and gave an update to the board on how things have been going at the fire department over the past couple of months. He mentioned that the fire department will likely be looking for 3 full-time firefighters as the sit times are proving difficult to get people to sign up for. This will allow the fire department to cast a wider net for employees as the response times will not be as much of an issue. He informed the board that the grass truck has been performing much better with the new engine.

Old Business:

M89 Bike Path: No action was taken. Supervisor Winn is in contact with a company to get us a bid for the concrete.

Township Hall Security: No action was taken. The board is waiting to make a decision on this until we know what we are going to do with the ARPA funds.

New Business:

Copy Machine/Scanner: Due to the amount of issues that we have had with the copier machine/scanner, Cartridge World is assisting in finding a replacement. A motion was made by Winn with support by Moll to table this item until we have all of the options.

Aye – 6.

Nay – None.

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Absent – 1.

Motion carried.

SigfriedCrandallPC Audit Proposal: SigfriedCrandallPC has done our audits for many years and they do an excellent job not only with the audits but they are very supportive throughout the year. A motion was made by Burns with support by Winn to accept the accept the proposal from SigfriedCrandallPC.

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

No – None.

Absent – Lunarde-Alexander.

Motion carried.

Full Time Position: Supervisor Winn added this to the agenda so that the board could begin looking into what would be entailed in either looking for a manager type person full-time or making the supervisor position full time as it requires more attention than the current position allows for. No action was taken at this time.

Floodplain Ordinance 328: FEMA has updated the Flood Insurance Study and the Flood Insurance Rate Map, it will be effective June 21, 2023. Due to this the township has to adopt an ordinance to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. There was a motion made by Burns with support by Moll to adopt the ordinance as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent – Lunarde-Alexander.

Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

Supervisor Winn announced that the M89 Streetlights are in the process of going up, many are already up and there has been a positive reception. He also let everyone know that the Township is hosting a meeting about the fire department millage. The meeting will be Thursday April 13th, 2023, at the Otsego Township Hall at 7pm. Clerk Colin updated the board on how many absentee applications and ballots have gone out and been returned. There will also be an ARPA workshop meeting on June 19th for the board to continue discussions on where to put the ARPA funds to the best use.

Open Forum: Non-Agenda Items:

Fire Chief Weber mentioned that he also has appreciated the streetlight additions along M89 and said that he will try to be present for the meeting on April 13th.

County Commissioner Dugan presented information from the meetings at the county over the past month and informed the board he has been working on railway safety.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Moll was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m.

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Aye-6, Nay – 0, Absent-1.
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 10th day of April 2023.

Jen Colin, Clerk
Otsego Township