

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

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

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

Members Absent: Trustee Moll.

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 Winn was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the June 12, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes, the June 19, 2023 Special ARPA meeting minutes, journal entries, budget adjustments, bills in the amount of \$171,519.40.

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

No – None.

Absent- Moll.

Motion carried.

Open Forum:

County Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and gave the board updates from the meetings over the last month at the county level. He also shared the plans for the courthouse and county services building construction and the expected millage collections for the county.

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 month including staff and equipment updates.

Old Business:

M89 Bike Path: No action was taken. Supervisor Winn is looking into an option for the state to pay for the repaving.

Full Time Position: No action was taken. Supervisor Winn is contact with some other supervisors in the surrounding area and working on getting a list together of things that he does not currently have time to do.

New Business:

Fire Agreement Addendum: Clerk Colin has sent the addendum to the Township's attorney for review.

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A motion was made by Winn with support by Lunarde-Alexander to table the fire agreement addendum until we hear back from the attorney.

Aye: 6.

Nay: 0.

Motion Carried.

PA116 – VandeBunte LLC – 17-006-008-12: An application was submitted from VandeBunte LLC to enter parcel number 17-006-008-12 into the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Burns to approve the application.

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

No – None.

Absent – Moll.

Motion Carried.

Community Action: Clerk Colin was contacted by Community Action about a program that the township can apply for which would allow their water residents to apply for assistance with paying their bills if they fall behind. A motion was made by Winn with support by Bumgart to approve the application.

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

No – None.

Absent – Moll.

Motion carried.

Hazelwood Construction Bids: The construction bids for the Hazelwood water project came in with the lowest being \$680,880. The Township applied for the C2R2 grant in 2020 for this project and was awarded the grant in the amount of \$563,027, which included \$86,620 for engineering and \$476,407 for construction. Mike Schwartz from Prein & Newhof was present and estimated that total (construction and engineering) the grant falls short by \$250,000. Supervisor Winn is going to speak to the county board of commission to see if the county can help the township pay the amount that the grant does not cover.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Colin to table the bids until we get a response from the county.

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

No – None.

Absent – Moll.

Motion carried.

Water and Sewer Rates: New water and sewer rates were presented increasing the sewer flow from \$10.15/1,000 gallons to \$10.20/1,000 gallons; IPP from \$0.30/1,000 gallons to \$0.32/1,000 gallons; and water from \$2.70/1,000 gallons to \$2.74/1,000 gallons.

A motion was made by Burns with support by Winn to approve the new water and sewer rates.

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

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No – None.
Absent – Moll.
Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

Supervisor Winn presented the board with siding samples for the township hall building .

Sexton Chuck Cushman presented the board with design drawings for the columbariums that were approved at the June 19th meeting.

Trustee Burns presented the board the Township Insight from MTA with a notice in it about a one time funding possibility from the State, it reads: “14 million or a 5% increase in the base for Cities, Villages, and Township revenue sharing, with 1% of that amount tied to a requirement that the local unit obligate all of its American Rescue Plan Act money by the end of 2023 (a full year prior to the federal requirement)”

Supervisor Winn informed the board that Anthony Bagley will not be getting paid for helping with organizing and digitizing the township’s documents until the board votes on it.

Open Forum: Non-Agenda Items:

None.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Colin was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:13p.m.

Aye-6, 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 10th day of July 2023.

Jen Colin, Clerk
Otsego Township