

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD  
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Otsego, Michigan.

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

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 Burns with support by Colin was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the May 8, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes, journal entries, budget adjustments, bills in the amount of \$126,746.56.

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

No – None.

Absent- None.

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 preliminary plans for the courthouse and county services building construction and the Allegan County Health Department’s annual report.

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. He let the board know that they have hired 3 full time firefighters from within the department. He also let the board know that they have applied for a grant for equipment that if awarded, would grant them \$10,000 for each municipality that they service for a total of \$20,000.

A resident spoke up about concerns with how the township residents are paying taxes on a fire department that doesn’t have township representation, as well as how the board will be paying the fire department for upcoming contract without having already collected the funds.

**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.

**Full Time Position:** No action was taken. Supervisor Winn is contact with some other supervisors in the surrounding area to get a description for a full-time position.

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**New Business:**

**Planning Commission Case 23-03: Jablonski Event Venue Special Use Permit:** The Jablonskis were both present and gave a review of their plan for the property. There was also a neighbor of the property in discussion present. She has concerns about the noise that the new business would bring to the area and would like to make sure they are doing everything within their power to make the noise impact minimal. After some discussion and learning that the Jablonskis would be insulating the building and making upgrades to make sure the building is completely enclosed. The Jablonskis also said that the only music that would potentially be outside would be for wedding ceremonies. A motion was made by Burns with support by Moll to approve the special use permit per the planning commission's recommendation and stipulations.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

Motion carried.

**Paving Projects:** Allegan County Road Commission sent over the bids for the paving projects that the township requested. The bids were from Black Gold Transport, Inc., Lakeland Asphalt Corporation, Rieth-Reiley Construction, and Michigan Paving and Materials Company. Black Gold Transport, Inc. was the most cost-effective for each project.

**Project LH 400180 – Moon Drive, Jupiter Drive, 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Street:** A motion was made by Winn with support by Moll to accept the bid from Black Gold Transport, Inc.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

Motion carried.

**Project LH 400181 – Ashland Drive, 19<sup>th</sup> Street to End:** A motion was made by Burns with support by Winn to accept the bid from Black Gold Transport, Inc.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

Motion carried.

**Project LH 400182 – Centennial Court, 13<sup>th</sup> Street West to End:** A motion was made by Moll with support by Winn to accept the bid from Black Gold Transport, Inc.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

Motion carried.

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**Project LH 400183 – Walden Drive and Poplar Ridge, West of 19th Street:** A motion was made by Burns with support by Colin to accept the bid from Black Gold Transport, Inc.  
Roll Call: Yes – Gudith, Moll, Burns, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Bumgart, Winn.

No – None.

Absent – None.

Motion carried.

**Communications and Reports:**

Supervisor Winn informed the board that Anthony Bagley has been volunteering his time on some Fridays to help Clerk Colin digitize the documents at the township, but we are going to pay him \$20 per hour going forward as it is a big job. This will not be a permanent thing, just until the job is done.

Supervisor Winn also acknowledged that the board did receive an addendum to our original fire agreement with the City of Otsego today from the City Manager, however, it was not in time to make it on the agenda for this evening as we will need to have the lawyers look it over.

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

There were a few residents present. One spoke on many of the things the board discussed, including asphalt, Friday help and noise issues for the special use permit.

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.

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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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

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Jen Colin, Clerk  
Otsego Township