

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, October 9, 2023, at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander and 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 Colin with support by Winn was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the September 11, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes, journal entries, budget adjustments, bills in the amount of \$310,659.69.

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

No – None.

Absent- Lunarde-Alexander, 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.

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.

Dan Veldhuizen of Sigfried Crandall was present and informed the board on how the audit went for the past fiscal year.

John Spencer from Representative Matt Hall's office introduced himself to the board and offered his contact information.

Chris Machiela from the County Drain Commissioner's office introduced himself to the board and announced that he will be running for the Drain Commissioner position next year.

Old Business:

None.

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New Business:

Ambulance Contract: The township has a contract with Ascension Borgess for ambulance services that expires this year, so Ascension sent over an amended contract that would extend the date to 2026.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Burns to approve the amended contract that extends the expiration to August 31, 2026.

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

No – None.

Absent- Lunarde-Alexander, Moll.

Motion carried.

Recycling Contract: The current contract with Republic that the township has for curbside recycling expires 10.31.23 so the county reached out to see what the board wanted to do moving forward.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Gudith to approve the amendment of the current contract with updated pricing and extending the current (amended) contract for 1 year.

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

No – None.

Absent – Lunarde-Alexander, Moll.

Abstain – None.

Motion carried.

Early Voting Plan: Due to proposal 2 of 2022 passing, the township is required to provide 9 days of early voting. A plan of how that will work in the township has to be approved by the board and the election commission and then sent to the county.

A motion was made by Burns with support by Winn to approve the single municipality early voting plan.

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

No – None.

Absent – Lunarde-Alexander, Moll.

Abstain – None.

Motion carried.

Resolution for Early Voting: A resolution was presented for the 9 days of early voting, stating the hours of 9am to 5pm for the 9 consecutive days of early voting for each statewide and federal election beginning the second Saturday before election day through the Sunday before election day and that the location for early voting for Otsego Township will be the Otsego Township Hall at 400 N. 16th St. Otsego, MI 49078.

A motion was made by Burns with support by Winn to adopt the Resolution for Early Voting.

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

No – None.

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Absent – Lunarde-Alexander, Moll.
Abstain – None.
Motion carried.

Cash Receipting Proposal: BS&A offers a cash receipting module that would allow credit cards to be accepted at the township as well as aid in efficiencies for cash handling and reporting. There were a few options for add-ons. Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander has been in contact with BS&A regarding this proposal.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Colin to table the proposal until Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander is able to be here and go over it with the board.

Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Absent: 2
Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

Supervisor Winn informed the board that he is working on setting up a meeting with Prein & Newhof to discuss the M89 bike path.

Supervisor Winn stated that he would be gathering information on what the full-time position would look like and have it ready around January time frame.

Clerk Colin notified the board that we still have not heard back from the lawyer regarding the bulk trash.

Open Forum: Non-Agenda Items:

One resident was present and asked about the 9 days of early voting.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Colin was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Aye-5, Nay – 0, Absent-2.
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 October 2023.

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