

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: Trustee Burns.

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 Moll with support by Colin was made to approve the consent agenda as presented, consisting of the November 13, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes, journal entries, budget adjustments, bills in the amount of \$326,260.93.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

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 Manager Aaron Mitchell was present and gave an update to the board on how things have been going at the fire department. He informed the board that Brandon Webber has retired, and that Brad Misner will be in charge of the fire department at this time. He also informed the board that the jaws of life that the fire department has is 30 years old and struggling to get the job done most times. The city would like to purchase a new set of jaws of life that would range between \$35,000 and \$50,000. They would like to make this purchase as quickly as possible and asked if the township board would add it to today's agenda.

There was a motion made by Winn with support by Bumgart to add the Jaws of Life to the agenda under new business.

Aye – 6

Nay – 0

Absent – 1

Old Business:

None.

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New Business:

Planning Commission Case 23-06 – Special Use Permit Request by Jim Szilagyi of LYNX Golf

Course: Jim Szilagyi submitted a special use permit amendment request to replace a previously installed event venue tent with a permanent pavilion of similar dimensions and a small accessory addition to the clubhouse. This request was already heard by the planning commission and recommended for approval to the township board.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Moll to approve the special use permit as recommended by the planning commission.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

Planning Commission Case 24-01 – Special Use Permit request by Heavy Duty Diesel

Medic, LLC: Heavy Duty Diesel Medic, LLC. submitted a request to establish a diesel repair facility within the C General Business District at 277 12th Street. The planning commission has already heard the request and recommends approval to the township board.

A motion was made by Colin with support by Moll to approve the special use permit request per the recommendation by the planning commission.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

Water Resolution – LYNX Condominium Association: The LYNX Condominiums Association is looking to sell and in order for them to do so, they need a resolution from the township board indicating that the township does not have interest in taking over their water system. The resolution is attachment A as part of the minutes.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Lunarde-Alexander to approve the resolution as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

Sewer Resolution – LYNX Condominium Association: The LYNX Condominiums Association is looking to sell and in order for them to do so, they need a resolution from the township board indicating that the township approves the transfer of their sewer system. The resolution is attachment B as part of the minutes.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Lunarde-Alexander to approve the resolution as presented.

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

No – None.

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Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

123NET METRO Act Permit Application: 123NET is the company that the county has contracted to install internet throughout the county. They have submitted an application for the METRO Act permit, allowing them to work in the right of way within Otsego Township.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Colin to approve the application as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

Prein & Newhof Engineering Services Agreement: Prein & Newhof has provided the township with engineering services for many years and has done an excellent job.

A motion was made by Moll with support by Lunarde-Alexander to approve the renewal of the agreement.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

Corrpro Maintenance Agreement: Corrpro has provided the township with maintenance services for several years for the water storage tank/clarifier cathodic protection system(s) and has done an excellent job.

A motion was made by Winn with support by Moll to approve the maintenance agreement as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

Cummins Maintenance Agreement: Cummins has provided the township with generator maintenance services for multiple years and has done an excellent job.

A motion was made by Moll with support by Winn to approve the maintenance agreement as presented.

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

No – None.

Absent- Burns.

Motion carried.

Jaws of Life: The City of Otsego Fire Department is looking at purchasing a new jaws of life costing between \$35,000 and \$50,000 due to the current set being 30 years old and it not being able to cut through some of the newer vehicle materials.

A motion was made by Bumgart with support by Winn to approve spending up to \$25,000 for the township's portion on a new set of jaws of life.

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No – None.
Absent- Burns.
Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

Supervisor Winn informed the board that dust control may be changing after next year due to the brine that is used not being considered appropriate any longer He also mentioned that 106th is going to be repaved and the board will need to make some decisions about the shoulders.

Supervisor Winn gave an update on the building improvements that have been done and that are in process.

Open Forum: Non-Agenda Items:

There were a few members of the public present, and one brought their concerns before the board.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Moll was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:19p.m.

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 8th day of January 2024.

Jen Colin, Clerk
Otsego Township