

April 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Winn, Hunt, Squibbs, McPherson, Bumgart and Moll. Burns was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Hunt and supported by McPherson to approve the consent agenda including bills, minutes and agenda items. Roll call vote showed: McPherson-yes, Moll-yes, Bumgart-yes, Squibbs-yes, Hunt-yes, and Winn-yes. Motion carried.

Open forum: Agenda items: Burns arrived at this time.

Jon Campbell said the county is joining the Great Lakes Ag Incubator. The county has established the Miner Lake level. The county has also helped in placement of the workers (over 50%) from the Allegan Metal Refinishing after the fire. The old jail will be raised this year. The 1919 Dog law requires the Township Supervisor to investigate the incident before the county could pay out due to damage by the dog.

Old Business: None

New Business: ZBA appointment: Motion by Hunt and supported by Winn to appoint Rick Moll to the ZBA in place of Nancy Schmitt. Motion carried.

Tire recycling: Tire recycling will be August 1, 2015 at the Otsego Township Hall. There will be an \$18.00 charge for tractor tires that are larger than 24" rim.

Paving & Roof bids: Township Hall paving: Lovett Driveway submitted a bid of \$23,650.00 to do the top driveway at the Township Hall. It is budgeted out of capital improvements.

Motion by Hunt and supported by Squibbs to accept the bid of \$23,650.00 from Lovett Driveway. Roll call vote showed: McPherson-yes, Burns-yes, Moll-yes, Bumgart-yes, Squibbs-yes, Hunt-yes, and Winn-yes. Motion carried.

Cemetery driveway: Lovett's bid is \$10,650.00.

Motion by Squibbs and supported by Hunt to accept the bid of \$10,650.00 to do the cemetery driveway. Roll call vote showed: McPherson-yes, Burns-yes, Moll-yes, Bumgart-yes, Squibbs-yes, Hunt-yes, and Winn-yes. Motion carried.

Roofing – Public Utilities: Cherrington Builders submitted a bid of \$2900.00 to put a new roof over the small well house. It is currently flat and it would be peaked.

Motion by Winn and supported by McPherson to accept the bid from Cherrington Builders for \$2900.00. Roll call vote showed: McPherson-yes, Burns-yes, Moll-yes, Bumgart-yes, Squibbs-yes, Hunt-yes, and Winn-yes. Motion carried.

Tentative Road Millage Plan: Each board member is requested to submit their suggestions for the road millage for the next 4 years, keeping in mind that we need to include dust control, gravel and snow plowing each year. The millage would bring in \$230,000 and the township would add \$200,000 to \$250,000 each year. These will be due May 4, 2015.

Zana Williams – path: Zana Williams would like to see a path from South Point Trails to the Otsego City limits for walking. According to our ordinance it would have to be a special assessment district and the homeowners would have to keep it repaired and cleared of snow. It may be easier to have the shoulders widened when 16th Street is done next. 16th Street is a county primary road.

Communications & Reports:

Web site: The minutes cannot be put on the web site until they are approved. Joan puts them on the web site and during February when she is busy they may not get put on for a while.

Election: There is an election coming up on May 5, 2015. There is only the state proposal on the ballot. The township will be reimbursed for this election.

There has been an e-mail from the Drain Commission on what stipulations the township has imposed on the egg farm. We have imposed no regulations because of the Right to Farm Act. The county will not be imposing any regulations also.

Open forum: Non-agenda items: Jarod wanted to know the board’s opinion of Proposal 1. The board did not support the county resolution.

Bills were submitted as follows:

Cynthia Hunt	Wages	1869.53
Bryan Winn	Wages	1344.59
Joan Squibbs	Wages	1910.93
Karen Burns	Trustee	141.32
Lori Bumgart	Trustee	186.41
Matthew McPherson	Trustee	177.83
Richard Moll	Trustee	1876.40
ING Life Insurance	Pension	150.00
American Business Equip.	Copier contract	56.58
AT & T	Phones	93.521
Charter Communications	Internet service	80.00
Consumers Energy	Electric bills	1731.94
Gordon Water Systems	Cooler rent	31.00
John Hancock	Pension	1083.34
Kar Laboratories	Water samples	90.00
Consumers Life Ins.	Life Insurance	49.07
Michigan Gas Utilities	Gas/hall/PU	147.88
Ted Hartleb Agency	Liability insurance	21,192.00

Tractor Supply	Parts	67.98
Patrick Couch	Wages	470.40
Charles Cushman	Wages	1052.72
Patrick Couch	Wages	470.41
Charles Cushman	Wages	614.11
B & C Trophy	Name plate	12.00
Bob's True Value	Parts	53.99
Consumers Energy	Lighting districts	515.45
Cynthia Hunt	MAMC Conference	12.00
Consumers Energy	Electric bills	83.49
Deb Otte	Cleaning hall	130.00
Eradico Services	Pest control inspection	204.30
Fuel Management	Fuel/trucks	43.27
F & V Operations	Professional Services	4313.62
Home Depot	Equipment/parts	174.09
Professional Code	Inspections	1350.90
City of Plainwell	Sewer Flow	30,740.43
Prein & Newhof	Engineering	149.60
Steve's Excavation	Snow plow	140.00
Secant	Virus protection	324.00
Community Shoppers Guide	Public notice	158.88
USA Blue Book	Parts	1679.44
Verizon Wireless	Phone	40.01
West Michigan Uniform	Uniforms	49.36
AT & T Mobility	Cell phone	170.97
AT & T	Phone bills	340.88
Avaya	Phone agreement	88.32
Butch Bemis	Cemetery maintenance	800.00
C H Immekus	Snow plowing	35.10
City of Otsego	Radio & Installation	917.28
Election systems	Voting machine maint.	216.10
Holiday Inn Express	Assessor class	454.75
Kaechele Publications	Public notices	268.66
MAMC	Conference registration	502.00
City O Plainwell	Lift station	2252.70
Purchase Power	Postage	1207.00
Quill Corporation	Office supplies	391.25
Toothman Printing	Envelopes	254.20
Andrew Webb	Planning Commission	138.53
Roger Rumble	"	69.26
Scott Reising	"	69.26
Tamara Hoppe	"	69.26
Karen Burns	"	29.57
Patrick Couch	Wages	470.40

Charles Cushman	Wages	614.11
Patrick Couch	Wages	470.41
Charles Cushman	Wages	614.12
Bauckham, Sparks	Legal fees	120.00
Fuel Management	Fuel/trucks	79.32
Gale Dugan	Cemetery work	251.00
John Hancock	Pension fees	238.74
Quill Corporation	Office supplies	49.44
USA Blue Book	Parts	94.77
Ridderman & Sons	Fuel	22.32
Cynthia Hunt	Clerk's meeting	34.42
F & V Operations	Professional services	558.00
HD Supply Waterwork	Parts	50.03
Patrick Couch	Class	356.75
Jeffery Polonowski	ZBA meeting	69.26
Joan Squibbs	"	22.25
Richard Moll	"	69.27
Chester VanderPloeg	"	69.26
Neil Browne	"	69.26
Thomas Burns	"	138.52
Zana Williams	"	69.26
Judith Root	Wages	348.05
MI Dept. of Treasury	State withholding	558.80
EFTPS	Federal withholding	3543.94
Otsego Township	Due from Cemetery	6600.78
Otsego Township	Due from PU	50040.66

Motion by Hunt and supported by Winn to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.