

November 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Supervisor Winn, Clerk Hunt, Treasurer Squibbs and Trustees McPherson, Burns, Moll and Bumgart. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Consent agenda: Motion by Squibbs and supported by Burns to approve the consent agenda with the correction from the October minutes that Bumgart voted no on the sidewalk snow plowing. Roll call vote showed: McPherson-yes, Burns-yes, Moll-yes, Bumgart-yes, Squibbs-yes, Hunt-yes, and Winn-yes. Motion carried.

Open forum: Brandon Weber, fire chief, said there have been 645 calls which is significantly up from last year. They are on pace to hit 750 calls. There were 35 call for October. 57% of the calls are in the township for 350. Brandon would like to have the burning ordinance revised so that it does not say to call in for leaf burning. They do not want any calls.

The grass truck is not priced out but may be by the end of the week. External jump seats have been approved.

Brandon said the fire department would like to be involved with new construction for industrial, commercial and multifamily complexes.

It will cost between \$5000, and 7000 for the new radios. Medical alarms are back up.

Brandon feels there should be a false alarm ordinance. A person would be billed after so many false alarms. Our EMS is out of the area a lot and Kalamazoo and Allegan are called in quite frequently.

Deborah Shields, from Tonya Schuitmaker’s office presented a plaque to Cindy Hunt for 35 years of service as Otsego Township Clerk. Cindy is retiring at this time.

Gale Dugan said the county is rebonding for the MERS program. They approved the Dumont Lake assessment roll. The parks ordinance is being brought up to date to include drone usage and horse usage. Gale is having e-mail issues.

Gale gave a tribute to Cindy Hunt working with her as trustee and supervisor.

Jon Campbell, former county commissioner, gave a tribute to Cindy Hunt.

Communications and Reports: Otsego Township had a 64% turnout in the election. There were 1021 voters in precinct 1 and 971 voters in precinct 2. There were 751 absentee ballots which is a high.

Swearing in of new board: Cindy Hunt swore in the new board:

Supervisor – Bryon Winn

Clerk – Joan Squibbs

Treasurer – Carrie Lunarde-Alexander

Trustee – Lori Bumgart

Trustee – Matthew McPherson
 Trustee – Karen Burns
 Trustee – Richard Moll

Bills were submitted as follows:

American Office Solutions	Copier contract	25.00
Allegan County Road Com.	Final 19 th St.	36822.77
AT & T	Phone	126.31
Butch Bemis	Cemetery help	1000.00
Charter Communications	Internet Service	89.98
Consumers Energy	Electric bills	1268.28
Deb Otte	Cleaning hall	225.00
John Hancock	Pension	1100.00
Kaechele Publications	Public notices	55.40
Consumers Life Ins.	Life Insurance	64.30
Michigan Gas Utilities	Gas/Hall/PU	120.28
Professional Code	Inspections	4527.90
Quill Corporation	Supplies	47.99
Republic	Herby Curby	70.70
Superior Business	Tax sheets	238.98
Community Shoppers	Public notices	56.72
Tractor Supply	Parts	62.46
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	40.01
Waste Management	Trash pick up	10478.04
Cynthia Hunt	Wages	1328.31
Bryan Winn	Wages	1344.59
Joan Squibbs	Wages	1908.68
Karen Burns	Trustee	141.33
Lori Bumgart	Trustee	186.41
Matthew McPherson	Trustee	177.82
Richard Moll	Trustee	1876.39 187.63
ING Life Insurance	Pension	50.00
Patrick Couch	Wages	470.30
Charles Cushman	Wages	1153.66
Allegan County Treasurer	Tax tribunal	2532.45
Bob's True Value	Supplies/parts	91.97
BS & A Software	Annual support-tax	662.00
Consumers Energy	Lighting districts	526.98
City of Otsego	Water	46.83
City of Otsego	Firemen fees	2284.45
Consumers Energy	Warning siren	10.01
Deb Otte	Supplies	50.19
Michigan DEQ	Water license	1278.78
Michigan DEQ	Sample testing	453.00

Fuel Management	Fuel/trucks	56.42
F & V Operations	Professional services	4318.74
Gordon Water system	Cooler rent	10.00
Home Depot	Parts	18.44
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	11.99
City of Plainwell	Sewer flow	24766.89
Prein & Newhof	Saw Grant	29934.24
Pummill Pro Mark	Receipt book	265.64
Quill Corporation	Office supplies	129.99
Ridderman & sons	Fuel oil	48.10
Schanz Supply	Parts	10.00
Steensma Lawn & Garden	Parts	222.66
United States Post office	Post office box	224.00
West Michigan Uniforms	Uniforms	49.36
Ardith Worsham	Election worker	129.00
Betsy Judge	"	105.00
Caleb Nadeau	"	84.00
Jack Seiler	"	96.00
Karin Caston	"	186.00
Lorraine Brown	"	96.00
Lyneta Nowak	Election chairman	248.50
Margaret Sunnock	Election worker	96.00
Nancy Mulder	"	90.00
Nancy Schmitt	Election chairman	164.50
Romilda Goswick	Election worker	96.00
Roberta Narlock	"	129.00
Richard Vanniman	"	96.00
Susan Dedoes	"	225.00
Sally Hutchinson	"	141.00
Sandra Seiler	"	141.00
Judith Root	Election chairman	218.94
Tamara Hoppe	Election worker	83.12
Patrick Couch	Wages	470.31
Charles Cushman	Wages	641.95
Bauckham, Sparks	Legal fees	2261.79
Cynthia Hunt	Election expenses	139.73
Consumers Energy	Electric bills	99.94
Prein & Newhof	Engineering	1463.00
Michigan Township	Tax collection class	101.00
Patrick Couch	Wages	470.30
Charles Cushman	Wages	641.96
AT & T Mobility	Cell phone	135.50
Butch Bemis	Cemetery work	1000.00
BS & A Software	Training/Patrick	1940.00

Michigan Gas Utilities	Gas bills	103.56
Governmental Business	Memory card coding	350.00
Kar Laboratories	Water samples	90.00
Patrick Couch	Training – Shanty Creek	240.30

Motion by Hunt and supported by Winn to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Cake was served after the meeting.