

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan.

Members Present: Supervisor Winn, Clerk Squibbs, Treasurer Lunarde-Alexander, Trustees Bumgart, Burns, and McPherson.

Members Absent: 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 McPherson with support by Lunarde-Alexander was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the August 14, 2017 Board Minutes, Agenda Items and Payment of Bills in the amount of \$186,015.68.

Roll Call: Yes – McPherson, Burns, Bumgart, Lunarde-Alexander, Squibbs, Winn.
No – None.
Absent – Moll.
Motion carried.

Open Forum:

Gale Dugan was present from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners. He gave a brief summary of county business. He mentioned changes being implemented at the County Health Department to improve service response times for permits and inspections. He indicated the Board of Commissioners was reviewing the resolutions received from various communities regarding county cost sharing on culverts. Fire Chief Brandon Weber was also in attendance. He discussed potential changes in the way the fire station is manned. Currently, staff is all volunteer, on call; he feels it might be time to transition to having some regular, scheduled paid time firefighters. He feels this may be necessary to improve retention of trained fire fighters.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. **Resolution – Regarding Medical Marihuana Facilities:** Information was presented to the Board. Michigan Townships Association had distributed a sample resolution for communities choosing to “opt out” and decline to authorize any type of medical marihuana facilities. If townships choose to allow these types of facilities, they are required to have an ordinance specifically “opting in” which can be done at any time in the future. Supervisor Winn

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presented the sample resolution to the Board in order to gain a consensus understanding of the Board's position on these types of facilities. Motion by Burns with support by McPherson to adopt the resolution to "opt out" and decline to authorize any type of medical marihuana facility in the Township.

Roll Call: Yes – McPherson, Burns, Bumgart, Lunarde-Alexander, Squibbs, Winn.

No – None.

Absent – Moll. Motion carried.

2. **Public Utilities Fees:** A rate schedule for fees was presented to the Board. This schedule would set the fees charged for new customers hooking up to the water or sewer system. Motion by Winn with support by Burns to adopt the fee schedule as presented. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

Communications and Reports:

Supervisor Winn reported 19th Street and Woodlea Drive have been paved and 13th Street and the Southgate subdivision roads would be completed next week. Jared Austin indicated he had spoken to the contractor who will be working on the eastern portion of 108th Avenue and was told they would be starting that work next week. Clerk Squibbs reported there would be an election in November for school millage issues.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Squibbs was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

Joan Squibbs, Clerk

Bryan Winn, Supervisor

I, the undersigned Joan Squibbs, 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 11th day of September 2017.

Joan Squibbs, Clerk
Otsego Township