

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th Street, Otsego, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: None.

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 Squibbs with support by McPherson was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the December 11, 2017 Board Minutes, Agenda Items, and Payment of Bills in the amount of \$167,739.22.

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

Open Forum:

Gale Dugan was present from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners, he gave a brief update about items the County Board was working on. Fire Chief Brandon Weber gave an update regarding the Fire Department.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. **Lease Agreement:** A renewal of the lease agreement with Craig Newland of Maple Hill Farms for the vacant land around Mountain Home Cemetery was presented. The lease is for five years with a rental of \$400 per year and first right of lease after the lease expires. Motion by Burns with support by Moll to approve the lease agreement.
Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion carried.

2. **Authorization to Expend Funds from PGU Surcharge Account:** Allegan County sent an agreement which would authorize the payment of fees associated with recycling depot station services from the account funded by the recycling surcharge collected by the Township. Motion by Burns with support by McPherson to approve the agreement.

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No – None.
Motion carried.

3. **Discussion regarding paving shoulders on 21st Street and 101st Avenue:** Supervisor Winn brought a question to the Board regarding paying for paving shoulders on certain roads he anticipates the Allegan County Road Commission will be asking for. The consensus of the Board was to not pay for shoulder work on these county primary roads if asked by the Road Commission.

4. **Discussion regarding Assessor Technician Class:** The Township Assessor Couch submitted a request to send his assistant, Jim Lunarde, to an Assessor Technician Class offered by the State Tax Commission. This cost for the class is \$150 and is offered in February. After discussion, the Board deferred on sending Mr. Lunarde to the current class. The Board will be starting budget discussions soon and would prefer to wait until the budget has been approved to see if a position will be set for Mr. Lunarde before expending any funds for training.

Communications and Reports:

Allegan County Road Commission sent their recommendations for gravel work in the Township. They indicated 110th Avenue and 21st Street north of 108th Avenue as the roads most in need of gravel. These are the roads most heavily traveled by trucks from Konos Farms. Supervisor Winn will contact Rob Knecht from Konos to discuss having them pay for gravel to improve the roads they are using. Trustee Burns indicated 20th Street north of 110th Avenue was in need of additional gravel. Supervisor Winn indicated he would try to contact Watson Township's supervisor to see if there is any interest in having gravel work done on 112th Avenue west of 16th Street with the cost to be shared between the two townships.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by McPherson was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Yes – 7, No – 0. 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 8th day of January, 2018.

Joan Squibbs, Clerk
Otsego Township