

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Otsego, Michigan.

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

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 Lunarde-Alexander was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the August 12, 2019 Board Minutes, Agenda Items, and Payment of Bills in the amount of \$170,478.38.

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. Joel Saukas gave a presentation on the Riverfront Pavilion Project, the initial project in the Otsego Main Street's Riverfront Development Plan.

**Old Business:**

**Fire Department:** Discussion was held regarding the implementation of a cost recovery ordinance or special assessment district to help offset operational costs of the fire department. The City of Otsego is currently reviewing and updating their cost recovery ordinance and board members indicated the board should wait to see what the City develops in order to align any ordinance adopted by the Township. Further discussion was held regarding the Township grass truck.

Motion by Winn with support from McPherson to contact Fire Chief Weber and City Manager Mitchell to convey there would be no purchase of a new vehicle for a least two years after which the purchase of a new vehicle would be explored if the City had an interest in participating in the cost. The Township Board is approving the expenditure of funds from the currently approved budget line item set aside for equipment to be used for any necessary repair of the current grass truck, including the pump and lighting.

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

No – Bumgart.

Motion carried.

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**New Business:**

**PA116 Application:** Dirk VandeBunte has requested approval of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement to enroll in the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act of 1974 (PA116) for parcel #0317-002-018-01 consisting of 37.86 acres.

Motion by Winn with support from Moll to approve the application from Dirk VandeBunte to enroll parcel #0317-002-018-01 in PA116.

Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion carried.

**Communications and Reports:**

There is a conference sponsored by MTA regarding issues in emergency services.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by McPherson with support by Moll was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion carried.

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Joan Squibbs, Clerk

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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Joan Squibbs, Clerk  
Otsego Township