

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 North 16th 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 McPherson with support by Winn was made to approve the consent agenda consisting of the August 10, 2020 Board Minutes, Agenda Items and Payment of Bills in the amount of \$342,408.02.

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

No – None.

Motion carried.

Open Forum:

Commissioner Dugan was present from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners and gave a brief report regarding County business. Fire Chief Weber was present. He indicated the Fire Department had been awarded a grant towards the purchase new air packs and indicated work on the roof of the fire hall would likely be delayed due to a lack of availability of contractors and an increase in the anticipated cost to complete the work. Andy Webb was present and voiced concerns with the response to an issue of a neighbor excessively burning brush and garbage throughout the summer. He submitted suggestions for improvements to the current Open Burning Ordinance.

Old Business:

15th Street Roadwork: The Township Board had approved roadwork to be done on 15th Street north of 110th Avenue. The Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) presented a work order which detailed widening the driving lanes and removing a number of trees from the road right-of-way. Property owners impacted by this gathered signatures from the area requesting the Township Board reject the work proposed by the ACRC to widen the road. Supervisor Winn indicated the ACRC followed specific criteria when improving a road so the project would have to proceed as presented by the ACRC. Alternatively, the road could be crushed, shaped and left as a gravel road or the Township could choose to apply layers of chip and seal to build up the roadway.

Motion by McPherson with support by Moll to modify the previous work order approved to instead crush, shape and return the roadway to a gravel road within the existing driving lanes with a proportionate reduction in the cost of the work approved.

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

No – None.

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Motion carried.

New Business:

Recycling Contract: The Township received a contract for curbside recycling services. The contract is between Otsego Township, Allegan County and Republic Services of Kalamazoo through the Resource Recovery Program administered by Allegan County. The contract will commence November 1, 2020 and extend through October 31, 2023 with payment being made from the surcharge collected on the winter tax bills.

Motion by Winn with support by Burns to accept the contract presented by the Allegan County with the curbside service to be provided by Republic Services of Kalamazoo.

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

No – None.

Motion carried.

Ambulance Contract: The Township received an agreement from Ascension Borgess to provide subsidization of the provision of ambulance services to the Township. The agreement is an amendment to the existing agreement which expired on August 31, 2020 and extends the Agreement for a term of three years through August 31, 2023.

Motion by Winn with support by McPherson to approve the amendment to the ambulance services agreement extending the term of the agreement for three years, contingent upon approval by the other participating municipalities.

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

No – None.

Motion carried.

PA116 Applications: Applications for Farmland Agreements to participate in the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program were received from Tim, Kevin and Chris Mohrland for parcel numbers 0317-019-009-10 and 0317-009-001-10. Both parcels are used for Christmas tree production. The applications were sent to the Allegan County Conservation District and the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission for review and comment. The West Michigan Regional Planning Commission indicated they had no concerns with either application being accepted into the program.

Motion by Burns with support from Winn to approve both applications.

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

No – None.

Motion carried.

ORV Resolution: Scott Beltman presented a draft resolution he is asking townships to submit to the Allegan County Board of Commissioners regarding enacting an ordinance at the County level to regulate Off Road Vehicle use on public roads.

Motion by Winn with support from McPherson to adopt the draft resolution.

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

No – None.

Motion carried.

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Communications and Reports:

A letter from the County regarding Off Road Vehicle use was given to board members. Supervisor Winn had a brief discussion about increasing the scope of the Supervisor position at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

With no further business before the Board, a motion by Winn with support by Moll was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 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 14th day of September, 2020.

Joan Squibbs, Clerk
Otsego Township