

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
May 12th, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Bruce Feuerstein
Roll was taken: Stephanie Wireman, Trustee; Joe Borek, Trustee; Paula Byrne, Treasurer, absent; Vicky Byrne, Clerk; Bruce Feuerstein, Supervisor. Four present = Quorum met.
Opening Prayer was given by Bruce Feuerstein
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda as Revised –
Add b. and c. to New Business
Moved by Stephanie, Joe supported. 4-0 approved.

Brief Public comment – 2

Approval of Minutes
Moved by Joe, Stephanie supported, Bruce abstained. 3-0 approved.

Approval of Payables and Payroll: Moved Stephanie, Joe supported. 4-0 approved

Payables	\$16,035.25
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Payroll	\$10,675.98
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TOTAL	\$26,711.23
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Treasurer's Report: In Packets

Reports:

- a. Sheriff Report- Deputy Ortiz- Software down, will report to Supervisor Wed. 33 calls
- b. Assessors Report: Sally Frain - in the packet
- c. Planning Commission: Joe Borek- PC asked for update on new laptop and brought up the topic of the moratorium on data centers (later on the agenda). PC passed a resolution to extend the Master Plan as is.
- d. ZBA Report: Stephanie Wireman - No meeting.
- e. Zoning Administrator Report: Larry Mercer Jr. In Packets

Unfinished Business:

a: Update on Hall addition: Architect Josh Strautz updated on the progress of the Hall Addition project. He gave an overview of the Conceptual Budget, a Conceptual Budget Summary and 3

options to move forward with the project. (see supporting documents). We will discuss and vote on how to move forward at the June meeting.

b. Discussion and vote on the appointment of a FIOA Coordinator: Joe moved to accept the legal FOIA Procedures and Guidelines, Public Summary documents from our attorney, along with the appointment of Bruce Feuerstein as the FOIA Coordinator and updating the per page cost to match the budget, Stephanie supported. 4-0 approved. See FOIA posting on the township website for documentation.

c. Review, discuss and vote on the 5 contracts with the Ionia County Road Department for 2026(see supporting documents). Joe moved to accept all 5 contracts, Stephanie supported. 4-0 approved.

d. Review and vote on quote to repair parking lot light fixture. Moved by Joe, Stephanie supported to have JZ Electric repair. Total cost \$235.(materials \$70.00-Labor \$165.00) 4-0 approved.

e Smyrna Celebration /250 Anniversary for the USA- Joe and Bruce will have more information at the June Board Meeting.

New Business:

a: Joe Borek presented a document from MSU about developing an ordinance creating a two year moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Sites, aka, "BESS", and Data Centers, to allow the township to develop detailed ordinances, and moved to send this document to township attorneys to develop a working moratorium ordinance. Stephanie supported. 4-0 approved. (This covers items a and b)

c. Outdoor gathering permit – was denied, only because PC determined it was not needed.

Final Board Comment- 2

Adjournment- Joe moved to adjourn, Stephanie supported. 4-0 approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm