

THE ODESSA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING WAS HELD ON 04-07-2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Secor. Present: Rohrbacher, Williams and Barrone.

Visitors – David Morris, Christine Hendrick, Patti Caudill, Eric Baker, Don and Betty Acker, Marr Gorman, Tony Humphreys, Sherry and Ron Klein, Ross and Elisa Jackson, Bruce Barker, Ken And Julie Slate, Martha Johnson, Deb Fraccaroli, Joann Gerke, Kip Geldhof, Craig Cole, Heidi Canfield, Jessica and Joel Sayer, Allan Baron, Paul Opsommer, Representative Gina Johnsen, Ann Shook, Barb Klein, Steve and Tamara Miller, Gregory Day, Jacob Day, Louis Bazner, Michael Koscielniak, Elwin Zook, Tom Christner, Ed and Debrah Smith, Catherine and Norm Griffin, Greg Brock, Carolyn Jackson, Sandra and Bartley Brown, Deb and Brian Moras, Linda Butler, Tracy Styring, Mikala and Damian Breen, Jim Frizzel, Sandy Guthrie, Ron Brurday, Jeremy Beaver, Derrick Gunn, Katie Heifner, Lonna Balsley, Dan Goodemoot, Dawn Schafer, Clarence Sanderson, Karen Kauffman, Aaron Newman, Cindy Whitcomb, Zeth Hicks, Jamie Schafer, Shaw Woodhull, Stephanie Poortenga, Ken Michaud, Mark Michaud, Jan Miller, Kim Miller, Sue and Ben Haaksma, Mike and Chris Fase, Cindy DeMond, Jeramy Collison, Dennis Kauffman, Peter Sinclair, Robin Stearns, Donna Fetterhoff, Rachael Moras, Carolyn Mayhew, Bob Green, Phil and Cathy Hesche, Patty Huver, James Steele, Sandy Smiley, Mike Rohrbacher, Miguel Pilar, Ed Rivet

Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Secor to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Secor, support by Barrone to approve the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Barrone to approve the March 31, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion By Secor, support by Barrone to approve the April 4, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment – the following people had comments on the Wind Turbine Project:

Jim Frizzell, 726 West Musgrove, Lake Odessa – a land and wild life study needs to be done, property value will decline, shadow flicker and night lights.

Ed Rivet, Land & Liberty Coalition – presented a guideline booklet.

Dan Goodemoot – 12694 Tasker Road, Lake Odessa - turbines are visible with the unaided eye at over 36 miles, need to have discussion on why this is being done by a Canadian company, how many birds get killed, the noise, the light pollution, the environmental impact of oil leaks, mechanical failures and destruction by catastrophic failures of these giant machines.

Christine Fase – 4800 Jordan Road, Woodland – studies need to be done, the environmental impact.

Kip Geldhof – 1144 W. Eaton Hwy, Lake Odessa – impact on our water and streams, how does it affect camping, environmental studies need to be done.

Mike Koscielniak – 14878 Bliss Road, Lake Odessa – I have worked on these turbines something is always going wrong, dealing with mechanical failures, I moved here to start a family, if they come here, I will be moving, they are a massive burden on a community.

Steve Miller – 6215 Sunset Blvd, Morrison Lake – they are loud, roads shut down when they bring them into the community, kills the infrastructure.

Peter Sinclair – 3610 Devonshire Street, Midland MI – I have interviewed people that have them no negative comments, you will see improvement to your schools, roads, fire stations with the extra tax income.

Rachael Moras – 1219 W. Bippley Road, Lake Odessa – I want to be able to walk out my home and see the sunset.

Mike Bozza – Wildlife Sierra Club – many benefits to the community.

Mike Dillion – simple fact is we don't want them here.

Cathy Griffin – 411 Pineview Dr, Lake Odessa – who takes them down, they need to disclose the expenses, can they be recycled.

Paul Opsommer – from Williamston, assistant to Representative Gina Johnsen – he suggests to get organize, reach out to other groups in the state, attend the Michigan Public Service Commission meetings, contact the Ionia County Republican and Democratic representatives.

Ken Michaud – 11519 Jordan Lake Road, Lake Odessa – by signing the contract you are giving up the right to your land; they can take down buildings and hire subcontractors.

State Representative Gina Johnson – have your facts in place, organize, state mandates to be 60 % carbon neutral by 2035 and 100 % by 2040, wind, solar, carbon free natural gas and nuclear plants.

Marsha Henasha – Boston Township – be aware what is going on in your community.

Larry Curtis – Portland Road – share information on wind testing towers.

Keene Township – there is a Michigan Public Service Commission meeting on April 22nd in Lansing, they will be discussing the repeal of PA 233.

Budget Review – the Board reviewed the 2025-2026 Budget.

MARCH BILLS

Gary Secor	\$976.92	Apex Software - Supervisor Support	\$260.00
		Candor Mechanical - Generator Gas	
Lisa Williams	\$1,418.10	Line	\$2,335.00
Sharon Rohrbacher	\$1,525.87	Canon Solutions - Copier Maintenance	\$104.82
Brad Barrone	\$115.44	Collins Group - Cemetery & Twp Flags	\$1,266.50
Brad Barrone	\$115.44	Consumer Energy - Twp Gas/Electric	\$523.95
		Consumer Energy - Cemetery	
Abbigial Huisman - Custodian	\$0.00	Gas/Electric	\$152.41
Abbigial Huisman - Custodian	\$149.76	Crystal Flash - Cemetery Fuel	\$416.72
Connie Jordan - Dep Treasurer	\$52.86	Deere & Company - New Lawnmower	\$5,529.67
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Denny Sauers - Bd of Review	\$220.24	Fahey Schultz - Legal Services	\$2,614.80
Lynn Sandborn - Bd of Review	\$220.24	Fahey Schultz - Legal Services	\$2,272.00
Charles Phillips - Bd of Review	\$220.24	Granger - Twp Trash Pickup	\$36.34
FICA and Fed W/H	\$1,413.98	Hutson - Mower bagger & Chute	\$160.55
State W/H for Jan., Feb., March	\$842.14	Ionia Co Economic Alliance - Investment	\$665.00
	\$7,310.88	Jeff & Lisa Elenbaas - Burials	\$3,125.00
		John Hancock - Pension Payment	\$1,587.28
		Klein Assessing - Assessor Payment	\$3,325.84
		PE Solutions - Phone	\$192.80
		Spectrum Printers - Shipping Costs	\$14.01
		Spectrum - Election Supplies	\$114.50
		View Newspaper - Minutes & Notices	\$463.00
		View Newspaper - Minutes & Notices	\$730.00
			\$26,980.25

April Bills

Granger - Twp Trash Pickup	\$36.34	S&T Restorations - Cem Maintenance	\$7,500.00
MTA - Books	\$146.20	Stahl Lawn Care/Snow Plowing	\$2,900.00
PE Office - Phones	\$192.24	Vern's - Cem Trimmer, Line, Oil	\$436.95
Pontem Software - Cem Support	\$590.00		\$10,836.95
	\$964.78		

Fire Department March Bills

Active911 - Renewal	\$362.25	John Hancock - Pension	\$1,060.00
Active911 - Additional Licenses	\$1.42	Odessa Twp - Payroll Reimbursement	\$12,901.23
Consumer Energy	\$762.09	Odessa Twp - Payroll Reimbursement	\$1,901.82
Elan Financial - Phone & Email	\$24.73	Village of LO - Water & Sewer Payment	\$203.14
Hastings Ace Hardware -			
Supplies	\$87.97	Wex Bank - Fuel	\$278.53
	\$1,238.46		\$16,344.72

April Bills

Denker's Culligan - Rental	\$342.00	Life EMS - 2nd Quarter	\$6,316.18
Stahl - Lawn Mowing	\$700.00	T-Mobile - Mobile Internet	\$9.90
	\$1,042.00		\$6,326.08

Fire Department Payroll

January Payroll

Will Fyan	\$1,197.95	Joseph Graham	\$121.90
Kyle Root	\$365.71	Ethan Perkins	\$280.32
Royal Shilton	\$161.61	Wade Piercefield	\$348.87
Nekoda Hull	\$639.60	Jason Miller	\$88.10
Craig Winslow	\$258.58	Tyler Gregg	\$407.02
John Thomas	\$145.37	Wyatt Perkins	\$755.89
Eric Possehn	\$226.25	Blake Perkins	\$517.31
Brad Perkins	\$775.05	Travis Scarborough	\$671.74
Erin Scarborough	\$66.07	Gary Jackson	\$682.21
Chad Perkins	\$1,459.71	Jacob DeBruyne	\$755.90
Chad Perkins	\$1,459.71	Brenden Smith	\$482.55
	\$6,755.61	Union Bank FICA & Fed W/H	\$2,423.92
		State W/H	\$1,626.14
			\$9,161.87

Motion by Secor, support by Barrone that the township accepts items in the March audit and approves payment for the April 7, 2025 bills as submitted. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – the 101 accounts are running ahead of last year by \$68,186.19 and General Fund Savings/Checking is \$46,860.51 ahead last year. See report for further information.

Cemetery Property Manager Report – working on spring clean-up.

Fire Chief Report – not present.

Board/Committee Reports

- a. Jordan Lake Improvement Board
- b. Lakewood Wastewater Authority – minutes presented.
- c. Library Board

Action Items

- a. Klein Assessing Notification – Dave Klein is getting ready to retire and his son, Tyler Klein is looking to take over for him.

Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Secor to assign Assessor's duties and obligations to Tyler Klein as he completes his certification with close collaboration and properly certified, David Klein, working with him for oversight until David's retirement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

- b. Update FOIA Fee Structure – Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Secor to adopt the Resolution establishing the Fee Structure of Freedom of Information Act

requests as amended. Roll call vote: Secor – yes, Barrone – yes, Williams – yes, Rohrbacher – yes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

- c. Audit Proposal – received a proposal from Seigfried Crandall PC.

Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Secor to move \$550.00 from the Brine line item to the Auditor's line item. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Secor, support by Rohrbacher to accept the audit contract from Seigfried Crandall PC for the fiscal years ending 2025 (\$7,500.00), 2026 (\$7,750.00), 2027 (\$8,000.00) as proposed. Ayes all. Motion carried.

- d. Cemetery Boundary Stakes– discussed staking all corners of the east and west sides of the cemetery.

Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Secor to approve Mulder & Associates to stake all property corners of the cemetery parcels not to exceed \$3,000.00. Ayes all. Motion carried

- e. Update Cemetery Fee Schedule – discussed raising certain fees.

Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Barrone to approve the amended Schedule of Burial Fees. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Secor asked for a 5 - minute recess at 8:13 P.M.
Meeting resumed at 8:18 P.M.

- f. Cordelio WESC Temporary Testing Facility Permit Application – discussed the permit application submitted by Cordelio Power.

Motion by Secor, Barrone to approve Cordelio Power WESC Temporary Facility Permit application. Roll call: Secor – yes, Barrone – yes, Rohrbacher – no, Williams – no. Motion denied.

- g. Williams Architects Letter of Agreement – Motion by Secor, support by Barrone to approve Williams Architects Letter of Agreement pending an addition of a termination paragraph. Ayes all. Motion carried.

- h. Municipality Approval/Dealer Zoning Request for Broker license tabled for lack of motion for approval.

- i. Cemetery Road/Consumer Easement – no motion but there was a consensus to have Attorney O'Meara handle the Consumers Power Easement. The Board was in favor of suggestions made by attorney for easement amendments.

- j. Jordan Lake Trail Statement – Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Williams to approve Public Statement from Fahey Schultz Burzych Roades PLC related to the attorney's fees issue with the Jordan Lake Trail Board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

After the motion carried related to the Jordan Lake Trail Board fees, Supervisor read the statement aloud.

- k. Cemetery House Furnace Bid - Rohrbacher presented a bid from Woodman Plumbing and Heating. Barrone stated that he would be willing to get other bids for furnace and water heater.

Information/Discussion Items

- a. Franklin Metal Permit Renewal – Secor will contact Franklin Metal concerning past due application to renew Salvage Yard License.

Supervisor Report – the Ionia County Road Department inspected Willowbrook Drive and decided that no additional work is required this year on road. Presented a proposal from the Ionia County Road Department that the Township pay for roadside mowing. The board declined the proposal.

Public Comment – the following made comments: Dan Goodemoot – 12694 Tasker Road – need to take our fight to the state. Deb Moras – 1219 Bippely Road asking for the township's help. Stephanie Buway from Cordelio Power – encouraged the visitors to call or come to their office with questions. Bruce Barker appreciated how well the meeting was handled. State Representative Gina Johnsen spoke on trying to get this community a 1 to 2 million dollars for a new fire barn. Also working on a fix for regulations on smaller fire departments.

Motion by Secor, support by Barrone to approve the March 3, 2025 Closed Session minutes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Board comments – Barrone stated that our Wind Energy Ordinance is on our website.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

APPROVED Lisa F. Williams Submitted Lisa F. Williams