

ONEIDA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2015

7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: SUPERVISOR COOLEY, CLERK ROBINSON, TREASURER PALERMO, TRUSTEES WILLIAMS, MCCLOUD, AND SCHULTZ.

MEMBERS ABSENT: KEVIN O'MALLEY (EXCUSED).


OTHERS PRESENT: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/DEPUTY TREASURER GOSCHKA, AND SHERIFF DEPUTY KUHLMAN.

1. Supervisor Cooley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
3. Additions to the agenda were made: #13, Verizon Cell Tower; #14, Replacement of Township Hall Bench Plaques; and #15, Cemetery Ordinance Amendment.
4. Minutes of August 11, 2015 and September 8, 2015 were approved in a motion made by Trustee Williams and supported by Trustee Schultz. Motion Carried.
5. Bills to be paid for the month were approved in a Motion made by Treasurer Palermo and supported by Clerk Robinson in the amount of \$34,787.96. Motion Carried.
6. Correspondence: None.
7. Treasurer's Report was given with full review of all account balances.
8. Sheriff's Report was given for the Township: there were 55 traffic stops; one (1) OWI resulting from a traffic stop; and one (1) Breaking and Entering for the month.
9. Public Comment: None.

10. Township Budget Discussion: Supervisor Cooley provided the Board with the 2016 Draft Budget. A public hearing will be held at 7:45 p.m., November 10, 2016, during the Township's monthly Board meeting, for adoption. Supervisor Cooley indicated that, amongst other changes, the Draft 2016 Budget did not include any budgeted funds for the Highways, no pay raises for Township Officials, and no changes to the Township's contract with the Eaton County Sherriff Department. Resolution to set public hearing on the 2016 Budget was offered by Supervisor Cooley, and supported by Clerk Robinson. Role Call Vote: Unanimous. Resolution passed.
11. Group Daycare Ordinance Amendment: Melissa Grables operates "Little Mama's Daycare," which currently has clients who work 12 hour shifts. Ms. Grables would like to operate the daycare 24 hours a day. The Township's current ordinance allows operation of daycares for 16 hours. Zoning Administrator Goschka has recently performed lengthy research and discovered that surrounding areas/townships have similar ordinances allowing the operation of daycares for 16 hours per day. Ms. Goschka informed the Board that the primary reason for this law is to reduce/alleviate traffic and noise in populated/urban areas at night. Ms. Goschka informed the Board that Ms. Grables daycare is located on Kenyon Road, in a rural setting, and that Ms. Grables neighbors would likely not experience the disturbances the law was enacted and intended to deter/alleviate. Further, Ms. Goschka recently informed all of Ms. Grables neighbors within 300 feet of Ms. Grables residence, of her desire to operate a daycare 24 hours a day. Neither Ms. Goschka nor Ms. Grables has received any opposition as a result of the notices being sent. Lastly, Ms. Goschka informed the Board that the Township attorney, Christopher Patterson, has also researched the issue and has informed the Township that it can amend its ordinance to allow group child day care facilities in the A-1 District to legally operate more than 16 hours per day. The Board indicated its willingness to adopt the amendment to its Group Daycare Ordinance, instructing Ms. Goschka to prepare and publish the appropriate notices for upcoming public hearing. Trustee Williams also requested that, although not required, Ms. Goschka again provide direct notice to all of Ms. Grables neighbors located within 300 feet of her residence of the ordinance and the upcoming public hearing on the adoption of the amendment.
12. New Computer for Melissa: Deputy Treasurer/Zoning Administrator Melissa Goschka does not have a work provided computer. Although not required to do so, Ms. Goschka has, for a significant period of time, been transporting and using her personal laptop computer on a daily basis for work purposes. Ms. Goschka would be able to perform her job much more efficiently and timely if provided a work computer. Ms. Goschka recently obtained reasonable price quotes for a new computer, which she presented to the Board. Motion to purchase a new computer for Ms. Goschka was made by Trustee McCloud, and supported by Clerk Robinson. Motion carried.

13. Verizon Cell Tower: Representatives of Verizon Wireless were in attendance at the Board Meeting, and provided the Board with information regarding the construction of a new cell tower, including but not limited to the engineering safety measures being built in place on the tower (Breakpoints) in order to alleviate the entire tower falling over in the event of a storm, ice or high winds. The Planning and Zoning Commission has already approved the land use variance for the tower. After discussion the Board agreed to allow the construction of the new cell tower at the desired location. Motion to approve the construction of the tower was made by Trustee McCloud, and supported by Treasurer Palermo. Motion carried.
14. Replacement of Township Hall Bench Plaques: The Township Hall Bench Plaques have been in place for several years now and are becoming worn and tarnished, despite various attempts to clean them. Supervisor Cooley would like to replace the plaques with new, more durable ones. Motion to approve the purchase of replacement bench plaques was made by Treasurer Palermo, and supported by Clerk Robinson. Motion carried.
15. Cemetery Ordinance Amendment: The Township Cemetery maintenance recently informed the Township Officials that it would be much more advantageous and require significantly less maintenance for the Township to amend its Cemetery Ordinance to prohibit footstones on Township cemetery gravesites. After lengthy Board discussion, it was agreed that the Township will agree to amend its Cemetery Ordinance to prohibit footstones on any newly purchased cemetery gravesites; however, allowing individuals who have previously purchased gravesites within the Township an option of also including a footstone on those gravesites.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Robinson.

APPROVED:



Donald F. Cooley, Supervisor