

2/28/2023

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Christopher Byrne, I am the person requesting the recall petition for Lynda Sower, Otisco Township Clerk.

I can be reached at 616-403-8669 or by email at chrisbyrne63@yahoo.com to be notified of the hearing.

Thank You
Christopher Byrne

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IONIA COUNTY CLERK
8TH CIRCUIT COURT

OTISCO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was call to order by Supervisor, Desmond Pike.

A short prayer was given by Pike.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Desmond Pike, Supervisor; Treasurer, Paula Byrne; Clerk, Lynda Sower;
Joe Borek, Trustee; John Feuerstein, Trustee

Approval of Agenda: Sower ask about the Public Hearing and Pike stated that it was at the end of the agenda. Sower moved to approve the agenda and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Minutes- Feb. 9, 2021 – Sower moved to approve the minutes and Feuerstein supported. 5-0 approved

Feb. 16, 2021 – Feuerstein moved to approve the minutes and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Feb. 23, 2021 – Bryne moved to approve the minutes and Borek supported. 5-0 approved

Approval of Payables & Payroll: Borek moved to approve the Bills & Payroll and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Payroll	\$ 9,552.49
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TOTAL	\$13,201.39

Communication: Pike reported that he had a letter from Consumers Power letting the township know that they would be doing some powerline trimming of limbs and trees.

Reports:

Township Deputy: Deputy Tobar reported that they have a new system now and that he could not get us a report of the services that they had rendered. There were 36 calls; death, family matter, neglect and more. Don Hopkins ask about the white van that they were chasing on his road. Tobar stated that they did not get him.

Assessor: All board members have a report in their folders.

Cemetery Committee: Pike stated that there, would be meeting on March 15th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a discussion about the columbaria.

County Commissioner: David Hodges reported that they had a meeting earlier this day, it was actually two meetings in one, due to the fact that last month's meeting was hijacked. The Commission on Aging received a Grant for, new vehicle, with tablet and kitchen renovating. The Health Dept. reported that 6000 people have been vaccinated for covid 19.

Planning Commission: A Public Hearing was conducted at the meeting. They also talked about the shipping containers.

Zoning Administrator: Roger Vandermolen reported that there would be a ZBA meeting next month. All members of the board received a report in our folders. Vandermolen talked to the board about a couple of the Ordinance violations in the report; 18-46 & 21-01.

Unfinished Business:

Electric on corner: Pike stated that we still do not have the hook up completed as of now. But Jeff from Consumers is working on it.

New Business:

Land Division: Vandermolen reported on the Tim Bruce application for division on 10080 Button Rd. Parcel # 34-130-020-000-085-10; It is going to be divided into four parcels and he will be building homes on each of the parcels. Feuerstein moved that we grant the division and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Lawn Mowing Contract approval: Pike presented the new contract that he and Feuerstein had worked on. Pike read the contract to the board and public. There was some discussion about the time frame for the contracted years. Pike is going to make the corrections of the contract papers for the public to pick up to bid on the job.

Approval of New Computers and Software: Pike reported that Addorio was going to be at the hall on March 22 @ 7:00p.m. to talk with the board or anyone that wanted to come.

Forensic Audit: Pike stated that he believed that we needed an audit to account for every dime that came into and went out of the township. Feuerstein moved that we contract someone for the forensic audit for the past five years, and Borek supported. Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein-yes, Borek-yes; Byrne-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. Approved.

Agenda amendment: Pike wanted to add the moving of money to the agenda. Borek moved that we do this and Byrne supported. 5-0 approved

Moving of Township Monies: The public and the board had a discussion about how much money that Otisco had in one bank; Mercantile. Because of the amount of money that we have it should be separated and put in several different banks. There was discussion about all the CD's that the township had and they were cashed in and where that money was put. The cemetery had a small CD that was given to the township years ago and we were not supposed to do anything with until the township needed it to keep the cemeteries mowed and such. Feuerstein moved that we get the cemetery money back into a CD and that Byrne and Sower decide how and where to split the money up and do it now and report back to the board next month and Borek supported. Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein-yes; Borek-yes; Byrne-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. Approved

The regular meeting was closed at 8:57 p.m. and the Public Hearing was opened at this time.

Pike reported that amount of revenue that the board estimated it would receive in the upcoming fiscal year.

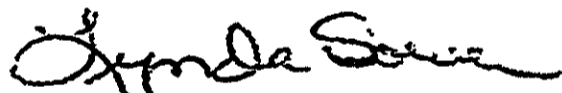
Pike than opened up the floor for the public to ask questions about the budget, roads being the first thing that was mentioned. This was talked about in lengths.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:20 and the Regular Meeting was opened.

Feuerstein moved that we approve the 2021-2022 Budget and Byrne supported. Roll Call Vote: Feuerstein-yes; Borek-yes; Bryne-yes; Sower-yes; Pike-yes. Approved

Public Comment: Don Hopkins stated that he thought it was a good meeting and was glad that we were going to fix the money situation.

Minutes Submitted By:



Lynda Sower – Otisco Township Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

RECALL PETITION

City
 Township
 Village of
 CHECK ONE } Otisco

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the _____, in the County of Ionia, and State of Michigan, petition for the

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calling of an election to recall Lynda Sower from the office of Township Clerk for the following reason(s):
(Name of Officer) (Title of Office) (District, if Any)

On March 9th 2021, Clerk Lynda Sower, voted to approve the annual Township budget for fiscal year April 1st 2021 - March 31st 2022.

WARNING—A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY SIGNS A RECALL PETITION MORE THAN ONCE OR SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

✓	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
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CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence and was not obtained through fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the City or Township listed in the heading of the petition, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross [X] or check mark [✓] in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

WARNING—A CIRCULATOR KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE, A PERSON NOT A CIRCULATOR WHO SIGNS AS A CIRCULATOR, OR A PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN AS CIRCULATOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

CIRCULATOR – DO NOT SIGN OR DATE CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.

_____/_____/_____
(Signature of Circulator) (Date)

(Printed Name of Circulator)

(Complete Residence Address [Street and Number or Rural Route]) - [Do not enter a post office box]

(City or Township, State, Zip Code)

(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK

Check the registration of each person whose name appears on the reverse side of this petition sheet whose name is not coded in the left-hand column.

If the person was registered to vote in your City or Township on the date he or she signed the sheet, place a check mark before the person's name.

If the person was not registered to vote in your City or Township on the date he or she signed the sheet, enter "NR" (not registered) before the person's name.

If the address listed by the person does not fall within your City or Township, enter "NC" (not in community) before the person's name.

Complete the following certificate after making the registration checks:

I hereby certify that the total number of persons whose names appear on the reverse side of this petition sheet who I identified as being registered in my City or Township on the date of signing the petition sheet is: _____
(Enter Number)

(Signature of City or Township Clerk)

City or

Township of _____

(Name of City or Township)

READ BEFORE CIRCULATING PETITION

The validity of signatures placed on this petition may be affected if the following is not observed.

Complete the heading of the petition before circulating it.

- Enter the city, township or village and county where the petition will be circulated. Indicate whether the jurisdiction listed is a "city", "township", or a "village". Do not list more than one city, township or village.
- Enter the officer's complete name and the office he or she holds. Include the district number of the office if there is one.
- Enter the reason(s) why the recall election is being sought. The language entered must be exactly as approved by the County Election Commission or Board of State Canvassers.

Make sure that all signers properly complete the petition.

- Each signer must be registered to vote in the city, township or village listed in the heading.
- Each signer must sign and print his or her first and last name.¹
- Each signer must enter his or her full address. A rural route number is acceptable. A post office box is not acceptable.
- Each signer must enter his or her Zip Code.²
- Each signer must date his or her signature with the month, day, and year.

Complete the circulator's certificate after circulating the petition.

- Sign and print your full name and enter the month, day, and year.¹ Signatures on the petition which are dated after the date on the circulator's certificate are invalid.
- Enter your complete residence address (street and number or rural route - do not enter a P.O. Box), city or township, state and zip code.²
- If you do not reside in Michigan, enter your county of registration if you are registered to vote in your home state, and make a cross or check mark in the box that precedes the final paragraph of the circulator certificate statement on the left side of the form.

Circulate the petition properly.

- Do not fail to question signers on their city or township of registration.
- Do not complete the heading of the petition after signatures have been affixed on the petition.
- Do not fill in a signer's address or a signer's signature date. Both entries must be in the signer's own handwriting. Ditto marks are not acceptable in these two entries.
- Do not leave the petition unattended.

¹ The failure of the circulator or an elector who signs the petition to print his or her name or to print his or her name in the proper location does not affect the validity of the circulator's or signer's signature. However, a printed name located in the space designated for printed names does not constitute the signature of the circulator or elector.

² The failure of the circulator or an elector who signs the petition to enter a Zip Code or to enter his or her correct Zip Code does not affect the validity of the circulator's or signer's signature.