

OCEOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Minutes of September 6, 2022

The Oceola Township Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 with Supervisor Bill Bamber, Clerk Jaime Clay, Treasurer, Christine Andrews, Trustees Sean Dunleavy, Kieth Huff and Robert Henshaw in attendance. Attorney Chris Stritmatter was absent. Supervisor Bamber opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Approval of August 9, 2022 Minutes

Andrews moved to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022, with the addition of the word municipal in front of civil infractions under the Anti-Blight Ordinance.

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

Call to the Public

Marilyn Chaperon, a resident of Oceola Township presented the board with information on outdoor pickleball courts. The Paddles In project packet was received by the board.

Craig James, a resident of Marion Township expressed his thought that there was a need for Pickleball courts.

Hickory Hills Public Hearing

Margaret Burkholder of 2373 Laurel Oak Drive asked how the interest rate is determined.

Mary Serio of 2807 Bridgewood Drive expressed she was in favor and full support of the road improvements after taking a walk through the subdivision.

William Strauss of 2677 Laurel Oak Drive asked if the loan amount could be paid back in full without penalty.

Robert Holcomb, Hickory Hills Home Owners Association Treasurer, of 2572 Birchwood informed residents that many of their questions could be directed to him.

Scott Moore, Hickory Hills Home Owners Association President, of 2291 Hickorywood asked if the repayment amount could be adjusted for individuals under hardships.

Chris Woodward of 2538 Laurel Oak Drive expressed concern that the cost of the road improvements would exceed the amount proposed.

Bernie Bunyak of Hickory Circle Drive asked how long the road project would take to complete.

Letters read by Township Supervisor Bill Bamber:

Dale and Chelsea Snitgen of 2870 Laurel Oak Drive agree the roads need to be improved but can not agree to an increase in their monthly HOA dues.

Gail Rizzo of 2363 Redbud Drive is in opposition of the road improvements.

Hearing of Cost for Hickory Hills Road Improvements

Dunleavy moved to approve the Hickory Hills road improvement costs of \$1,138,048.00 (one million, one hundred thirty-eight thousand, forty-eight dollars) for four years at 4% (four percent) interest. This will be repaid to Oceola Township as a yearly principal payment of \$962.00 (nine hundred sixty-two dollars) per household plus the 4% interest as a special assessment beginning on the Winter 2023 Tax Bill.

Roll Call Vote: 5-1

(Andrews-N, Bamber-Y, Clay-Y, Henshaw-Y, Dunleavy-Y, Huff-Y)

The motion carried.

Livingston County Road Commission

Clay motioned to approve the road work project agreements on Kimberly Road, Armstrong Road and Dunn Road using funds from the road mills account.

Dunleavy supported the motion.

The motion carried.

Snow Removal 2022/2023 Season

Henshaw moved to approve the snow removal proposal from Maj's Services Inc. for the Township Hall at \$120.00 (one hundred twenty dollars) per hour for plowing and \$235.00 (two hundred thirty-five) per ton for salt.

The motion was supported by Huff.

The motion carried.

Escrow Funds

Henshaw moved to approve the refund of escrow money to Road Community Church in the amount of \$522.50 (five hundred twenty-two dollars and fifty cents), Diamond Glen in the amount of \$232.50 (two hundred thirty-two dollars and fifty cents) and Demeuse Chip Yard in the amount of \$737.50 (seven hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents).

Dunleavy supported the motion.

The motion carried.

BS&A Software Upgrade

The board will request a presentation on the Cloud Upgrade proposal by BS&A for clarification on costs associated with the upgrade.

Chemung Hills Golf Course

Clay moved to pay up to \$2500.00 (twenty-five hundred dollars) for necessary tree trimming and removal at Chemung Hills Golf Course.

The motion was supported by Huff.

The motion was carried.

Oceola Community Center

Andrews motioned to grant Dunleavy permission to speak with the Township attorney Chris Stritmatter and have him file a complaint against DTE Energy if they do not address and resolve the frequent and ongoing power issues at the Community Center.

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

Oceola Community Center Drainage Issue

Huff motioned to have Gary Markstrom with Tetra Tech and Matt Vetter with Schafer Construction present at the October Regular Board meeting on the faulty engineering completed by Tetra Tech and Schafer Construction at the Oceola Community Center.

The motion was supported by Dunleavy.

The motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Huff moved to authorize the payment of bills as presented for the following funds:

August 2022 Bills	
General Fund (101)	\$71,872.47
Building and Site (469)	\$113,613.50
Trust and Agency (701)	\$4,015.00
Chemung Hills (508)	\$5,785.00
Private Roads (204)	\$169.90
Road Millage (403)	\$243,040.36
ARPA (464)	\$10,448.00

The motion was supported by Andrews.

The motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Clay made a motion to authorize Supervisor Bamber to sign the Hickory Hills Roadway Improvements, Construction Phase Engineering Services Proposal provided by Tetra Tech. The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Henshaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion was supported by Dunleavy.

The motion carried.