

**OTTAWA TOWN BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2016**

Chairman Arrowood called the meeting of the Ottawa Town Board to order. Roll call attendance was taken, and Supervisors Goodchild, Casper, Rupp and Jones were all present.

Chairman Arrowood reminded the Board members that the Public Hearing, Special Meeting, and Town Board Meeting to discuss and adopt the 2017 proposed budget is scheduled to begin at 6:00 P.M., on Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

Supervisor Rupp made a motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly activity report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper and carried.

After review, Supervisor Casper made a motion to accept the Building Inspector's monthly activity report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rupp and carried.

After review, Supervisor Jones made a motion to accept the Town Engineer's monthly update report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rupp and carried.

Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to accept the Articles of Agreement for Assessment Services for the Town of Ottawa, for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, from Schultz Appraisal Agency, LLC, which will begin on January 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rupp and carried.

Chairman Arrowood reported that he had recently attended a Special Services Committee meeting at the Village of Dousman, along with Gary Goodchild, and Jeanne O'Brien. The Village called the meeting to discuss the Cramer property in Ottawa. The Cramer's would like to have their property classified Conservancy, and allow for large lots when the farm goes to the Village of Dousman at the end of the border agreement. They need to change their current zoning in order to be a part of the Farmland Preservation Program. Waukesha County said that the Village of Dousman's Development Plan has to reflect the zoning change before the Cramer property can enter the Farmland Preservation Program.

Jason Fruth from the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use inquired as to whether or not the Town of Ottawa would be willing to act the applicant for the zoning change in order to save the Cramer's money. Supervisor Casper made a motion saying that he is opposed to the Town of Ottawa submitting an application for a zoning change for the Cramer's. The Cramer's can pursue their rezone request. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

The Town Clerk requested that the Town Board consider an increase in the rate of pay for poll workers. She explained that the current rate of pay is not in step with other municipalities in the County. She asked that Election Inspector's hourly rate increase from \$8.75 to \$10.00 per hour. She also requested that the Chief Inspectors be paid \$12.00 per hour. Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve her request. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Rupp and carried.

Supervisor Casper said that at the School Section Lake Management District's (SSLMD) Annual Meeting, they decided that they will not apply for a grant to help offset the cost of purchasing property for weed disposal. The DNR has too many restrictions tied to the grant.

Supervisor Casper suggested that the Town support the effort of the SSLMD, by giving them \$10,000.00 from the Town's land acquisition fund. He said that without that property, they can't cut weeds anymore.

Chairman Arrowood said that the Board has never supported or given money to private groups. Why should residents pay for their land purchase? Supervisor Goodchild asked if the land was going to be resold.

Chairman Arrowood said that it would have to be a line item in next year's budget. Supervisor Casper said it sounded as though it would be more difficult than they thought. Supervisor Rupp made a motion to table the matter. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion and it carried.

Fire Chief Brad Bowen arrived. He updated the Board on recent goings on.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the 2017 Planning Services contract with Waukesha County for Sandy Scherer's planning services, with the rates submitted with her contract. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper and carried.

Chairman Arrowood had information from Waukesha County Public Works Department included in the packet. It explained how they ascertain salt amounts for municipalities based on a 5-year rolling average. Ottawa requested 600 ton of salt for this snow season, at a cost of \$69.13 per ton of salt used.

Chairman Arrowood explained an illegal dumping situation here on Saturday morning.

A Waukesha County Sheriff's Deputy stopped in.

Waukesha County Supervisor Chuck Wood stopped in. He reported that the County's tax rate of \$1.996 per thousand should be approved later in the week.

Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 10, 2016 as submitted. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper and carried.

Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 26, 2016, as submitted. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion and it carried.

Supervisor Rupp made a motion to approve bills for payment as listed, in addition to payroll and associated withholding checks for L. Geyman and M. Klein, and a credit card payment when the statement arrives. Her motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper and carried.

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Supervisor Jones made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper and carried.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa M. Klein, WCMC, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Ottawa