

OTTAWA TOWN BOARD

Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2020

The meeting of the Ottawa Town Board was called to order by Chairman Rupp at 6:00 P.M. Roll call attendance was taken, and Town Supervisors Graham, Smukowski, Wiedenman and Jones were all present.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to approve the Building Inspector's monthly activity report as presented. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to accept the Engineer's status report as presented. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

Supervisor Wiedenman reported that the Town of Ottawa will pay John's Disposal Service approximately \$120,000.00 for garbage and recyclable collection this year. There is also the additional expense of payroll for the three employees that work on Saturday mornings. He estimated that curbside pick-up could cost as much as \$250,000.00 per year. He reported that 30% of Town residents already pay for curbside service. He estimates that there would be a \$180,000.00 to \$200,000.00 per year reduction in the Town's tax levy should the Board decide to go to curbside pick-up for all Town residents.

Supervisors Jones and Wiedenman said that they could create a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) to be distributed by Town Board members to residents during garbage and recyclable collection at the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, August 29th.

Chairman Rupp reported that there is \$63,518.00 in a Routes to Recovery grant program earmarked for the Town of Ottawa. She explained what could be purchased and asked the Board members to take a look at a list of ideas for submittals under the Routes to Recovery grant program that she had received.

Supervisor Smukowski was asked to take a look at the signs at the Town's public board launches, to ascertain what sort of shape they are in. In his opinion, none of the signs need to be replaced.

There were no budget amendments.

Supervisor Jones reported that the Ottawa Park pavilion will get painted in September. Paul Letendre, a local carpenter, will replace some of the woodwork prior to painting, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

According to the Town Engineer, the Town Board will conduct a bid opening for the Gramling Lane culvert project before Christmas of this year.

Chairman Rupp reported that Waukesha County Public Works Department will no longer do the roadside mowing and trimming for the Town of Ottawa as they have done for years. Ron Bennett, an Ottawa resident and contractor took care of the roadside mowing one time this summer. We have used the same map for mowing since at least 2015. The Chairman said that she and the Town Engineer could look around to see if there are more areas to cut. She said that she would create a Request for Proposal (RFP) for future mowing needs.

Chairman Rupp spoke to the secretary for the School Section Lake Management District. They used the Town Hall for a meeting, without notifying anyone from the Town. She said that she would ask them not to meet here, for the time being, due to Covid 19 concerns and to return the Town Hall key to her.

Mrs. Rogan, a Town resident was present, and suggested that the Board not get creative spending money, regarding the Routes to Recovery grant.

There was no correspondence.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to approve the bills for payment, as listed, in addition to payroll and related withholdings for L Geyman and M Klein, We Energies, and Cardmember Services. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2020. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 22, 2020. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Wiedenman and carried.

Supervisor Wiedenman made a motion to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Graham and carried.