

139 Annual Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Clerk John Carlson called the 139th Annual Meeting of the Otto Township to order at 8:05 pm with seven citizens present including: Dennis Tigges, Dyann Tigges, Dean Shultz, Conrad Mack, Todd Lorentz, Derek Geiser, and John Carlson.

Nominations were made for meeting moderator. Derek Geiser was elected to chair the meeting. Dyann Tigges made motion, Dean Shultz second.

The Clerk read the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting. Motion by Dennis Tigges and seconded by Conrad Mack to accept the minutes with three corrections. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report was posted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Conrad Mack presented the Treasurer's report. Otto Township began 2022 with the following balances:

General Fund	\$29,765.31
Road and Bridge	\$105,301.04
Fire Fund	\$17,361.62
ARPA Federal Fund	\$30,216.54
Total in all Funds	\$182,644.51

Fund balances March 8, 2022, were:

General Fund	\$27,713.72
Road and Bridge Fund	\$130,091.00
Fire Fund	\$15,557.82
ARPA Federal Fund	\$30,216.54
Total in all funds	\$203,579.08

Dyann Tigges motioned, and Dean Shultz seconded to file the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Levy

Per recommendation from Treasurer Conrad Mack, Dennis Tigges motioned, and Todd Lorentz seconded to leave the levy same for 2023 as the prior year and as follows:

General Fund	\$22,000
Road & Bridge	\$80,000
Fire Fund	\$18,000
Total Levy for 2023	\$120,000

Road Report

Road & Bridge budget for 2021 was set at a small increase to \$150,000. We spent \$111,452.66 and therefore came in under. No Chemical was used in 2021 due to dry weather. Fuel/Lube cost was at \$4,351.81 which was about 25% higher. We did spend \$26,000 in subcontracted blading due to equipment breakdowns and labor shortage. Repair and Maintenance of equipment was at \$12,800, which was about \$10,000 higher. Spent \$55,890 on gravel and re-building roads which is a decrease of approx. \$13,000. Labor cost for all roadwork was \$14,790. So far this winter snow removal cost was

sitting at \$8,973. Road allotment we received was up \$13,454 this year over 2021, total of \$39,506.55. To date we have received half of our federal ARPA money in the amount of \$30,216.

Published Notices

Dyann Tigges motioned, and Dennis Tigges seconded to have the New York Mills Dispatch as the official paper for township notices. Motion carried.

Election and Annual Meeting Hours

Todd Lorentz motioned, and Dyann Tigges seconded to keep the election hours from 4-8pm and the annual meeting to start at 8:05pm for 2022. Motion carried.

Other Business

A new Patrol (Grader) is in need due to ongoing maintenance. We will have approximately \$60,000 in Federal ARPA money to potentially use towards its purchase.

All expressed interest in a township website.

500th Ave south of 54 should have no shoulder or road subject to flooding signs added since it has repeated periods of high water. Rip rap could be required if the water stays high. It has not flooded since it was last raised up a couple years ago. North of 54 the Min. Maint. road needs to have ditches added and be rebuilt.

Eric Bakka is interested in a three-quarter time job. This would be a larger commitment for the Township to have a more reliable operator to keep the roads in the condition expected. Last couple years saw labor shortages and equipment breakdowns.

Dean Shultz noted that there has been monitoring wells drilled and soil borings completed near the landfill. ~~They plan to expand on the Otto Township side.~~ Ground water and road damage concerns were discussed.

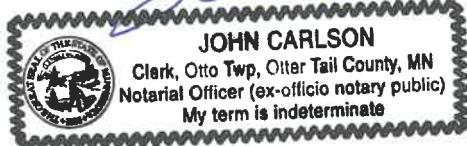
Dennis Tigges motioned and Dyann Tigges second to donate \$300 to EOT County Fair, \$300 to HACA, and \$100 Each to Perham Center for the Arts, NYM Regional Cultural Center, Ottertail County Historical Society, and Finn Creek. Motion passed.

Todd Lorentz motioned to adjourn, and Dyann Tigges seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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John Carlson, Clerk

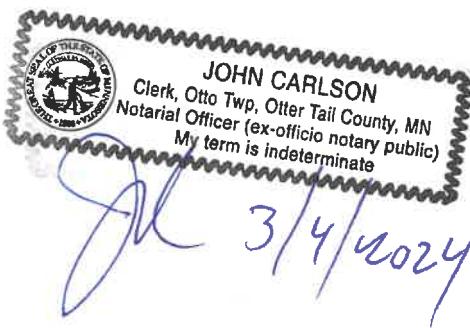
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Minutes of the February 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of Otto Township Board

1. Meeting called to order by Troy Salo at 7:00 PM. Persons present were Supervisors Troy Salo, Jordan Vaughan, Derek Geiser, Clerk John Carlson, Deputy Treasurer Dyann Tigges. County Commissioner Dan Bucholz. Jesse Schwartz.
2. Gopher Bounty was paid to: No one.
3. Motion by Derek and second by Troy to approve *January* minutes and it passed.
4. Motion by Troy and second by Jordan to pay checks #8424 thru #8442 in amount of \$15,307.30 for all claims and payroll in the month of *January*.
5. The treasurer report was not available this month, will be combined with March.
6. Dan Bucholz spoke that the County would not be getting involved with the EMS issues so it appears Otto will have to raise its levy. Otto's share is \$26,298 for 2024.
7. Otter Tail County also raised gopher feet reimbursement from \$0.75 to \$1.
8. Quite a few signs have been stolen in the township recently. Eric has been working to get them replaced quickly. Jesse spoke about an accident caused by a missing sign.
9. A special meeting for Oak Point turn around should be called for in April onsite.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM by Troy.



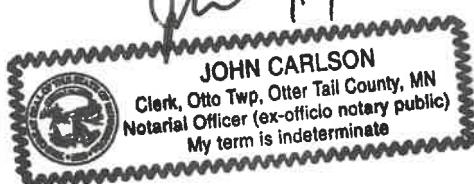
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Minutes of the January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting of Otto Township Board

1. Meeting called to order by Troy Salo at 7:05 PM. Persons present were Supervisors Troy Salo, Jordan Vaughan, Derek Geiser, Clerk John Carlson, Treasurer Conrad Mack, Patrol Operator Eric Bakka.
2. Gopher Bounty was paid to: Wendell Dryer 117 Pocket.
3. Motion by Troy and second by Derek to approve *December* minutes and it passed.
4. Motion by Troy and second by Jordan to pay checks #8411 thru #8423 in amount of \$8,626.82 for all claims and payroll in the month of *December*.
5. \$26,073.72 the actual balance in checking account before the meeting
\$0.00 the amount in CDs
\$26,073.72 in total money
\$8,626.82 Total spent this month.
6. Motion by Troy, Second by Derek to appoint the following election judges: John & Sarah Carlson, Linda Salo, Maria Theisen, Dyann Tigges, Mari Willie, Shari Krause, Mike Jacques.
7. EOT S&W Noxious Weed Report was filed.
8. Report of Outstanding Indebtedness was filed. Otto has none.
9. Diesel Tank may need repairs or replacement soon.
10. 340th has a truck blocking maintenance activities. Need to notify the sheriff's office again.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 PM by Troy.



Signature of Chairman:

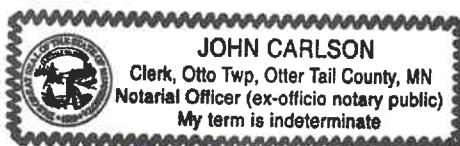
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Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting of Otto Township Board

1. Meeting called to order by Troy Salo at 7:03 PM. Persons present were Supervisors Troy Salo, Jordan Vaughan, Derek Geiser, Clerk John Carlson, Treasurer Conrad Mack, Tom Steiner, BJ & Michelle Layman.
2. Gopher Bounty was paid to: No one.
3. Motion by Derek and second by Troy to approve *November* minutes and it passed.
4. Motion by Derek and second by Troy to pay checks #8398 thru #8410 in amount of \$23,715.34 for all claims and payroll in the month of *December*.
5. \$45,998.04 the actual balance in checking account before the meeting
\$0.00 the amount in CDs
\$45,998.04 in total money
\$23,715.34 Total spent this month.
6. March regular meeting will be posted to be the first Monday of March 3/4/2024 due to the annual meeting the following week.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 PM by Troy.



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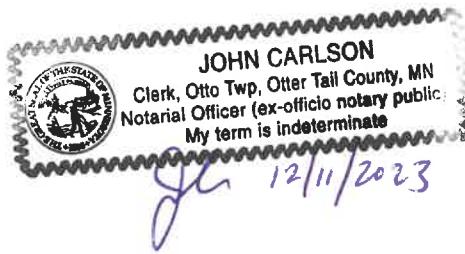
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Minutes of the November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting of Otto Township Board

1. Meeting called to order by Troy Salo at 7:02 PM. Persons present were Supervisors Troy Salo, Jordan Vaughan, Derek Geiser, Clerk John Carlson, Treasurer Conrad Mack, Tom Steiner, BJ & Michelle Layman.
2. Gopher Bounty was paid to: No one.
3. Motion by Derek and second by Jordan to approve *October* minutes and it passed.
4. Motion by Troy and second by Derek to pay checks #8385 thru #8397 in amount of \$9,444.14 for all claims and payroll in the month of *November*.
5. \$45,793.74 the actual balance in checking account before the meeting
\$0.00 the amount in CDs
\$45,793.74 in total money
\$9,444.14 Total spent this month.
6. Tom Steiner from Oak Point Road spoke about the potential of working with his neighbor to obtain property to construct a proper turn around. The board was open to this and would need to follow the proper procedures. Both parties agreed to review over the winter.
7. Derek brought up that tax forfeited land reverts back to the "State of Minnesota". Wanted to investigate if any policies could be implemented by the township to avoid long term government ownership to avoid loss tax base.
8. With warm weather coming it was noted roads should be graded one last time.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 PM by Troy.



Signature of Chairman:

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