

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, January 4, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilmer at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Cyndi Trobeck, Ryan Wieber, Kathy Misner, and Stacey Withee. Absent: None. Also present City Manager Beard.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Special Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2015, were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER STATION COUPON PROGRAM - DISTRIBUTION OF COUPONS BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY - COUPONS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Commissioner Wieber moved to approve the Transfer Station Coupon Program, with the distribution of coupons beginning in February 2016, and expiring December 31, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Withee. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH SINGLE PREMISE ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES

Commissioner Misner moved to approve the request to set a Public Hearing, on February 1, 2016, to Establish Single Premise Assessments for Delinquent Charges for City Services, seconded by Commissioner Trobeck. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. AGREEMENTS

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01 - A RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE TO LUKE FORD

Mayor Gilmer congratulated Luke Ford and thanked him for positively representing his family, school and community. Commissioner Misner commented that Luke Ford was an all-around winner looking at his GPA. She stated that she appreciated his effort and indicated that he will go far. Commissioner Trobeck moved to the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-01 – a Resolution of Tribute to Luke Ford, seconded by Commissioner Withee.

CITY OF OTSEGO
MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01
A RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE TO LUKE FORD

WHEREAS, Luke Ford, as a member of the 2015 Boys Tennis Team, under the direction of his coach Chuck Parker, was recognized for his three conference championships, three regional championships, and the 2015 Division four state champion, and

WHEREAS, he completed his tennis career in Otsego as a four year number one singles player with a season record of 37-1, and a career record of 108-22, a school record, and

WHEREAS, he is recognized as an Academic Scholar with a 3.94 GPA, and

WHEREAS, he played with dedication to his sport, incredible sportsmanship, and respect for himself and his opponents, and

WHEREAS, he represented himself, his school, and his community of Otsego in a positive way, and

WHEREAS, by his performance, he generated communitywide recognition and respect for his sport, and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City of Otsego does hereby recognize and acknowledge Luke Ford with gratitude and pride for his accomplishments and his exceptional representation of the City of Otsego and the entire Otsego community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Luke Ford at the January 4, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting.

YEAS: Commissioners: Tom Gilmer, Kathy Misner, Cyndi Trobeck, Ryan Wieber,
& Stacey Withee

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02 – A RESOLUTION TO MOVE
MARCH 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW STARTING DATE**

Commissioner Wieber offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Withee.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

RESOLUTION TO MOVE MARCH 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW STARTING DATE

WHEREAS, the City Assessor will be unable to attend the established start date for the 2016 March Board of Review which is the second Monday of March, March 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 211.30(2) allows the governing body of a city to authorize an alternative starting date of the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otsego City Commission hereby approves the starting date of the 2016 March Board of Review as Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

YEAS: Commissioners: Tom Gilmer, Kathy Misner, Cyndi Trobeck, Ryan Wieber,
& Stacey Withee

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

C. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF OTSEGO RELATING TO PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 – THE PUBLICLY
FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

Commissioner Misner offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption, supported by Commissioner Trobeck.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OTSEGO RELATING TO PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 –
THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

WHEREAS, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act or Public Act 152 of 2011, (PA 152) mandated certain cost-sharing obligations for public employee health insurance premiums and costs for medical benefit plan coverage years beginning after January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, if the City of Otsego (City) fails to comply with the mandates of PA 152, then the state treasurer is required to reduce by 10% each Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) payment received under 2011 PA 63; and

WHEREAS, the City has modified its Health Insurance Plans in an effort to meet the hard cap requirements of PA 152; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2012, the City and its employees moved to a “high deductible health insurance plan,” and all City employees contribute twenty percent of their health care premiums, effective July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Act permits the “governing body” of “a local unit of government (which includes a city) to exempt itself from the requirements of this act for the next succeeding year.”

WHEREAS, even though the City intends to meet the requirements of PA 152 within the year, to avoid any possibility of a 10% reduction of Economic Vitality Incentive Program payments, the City of Otsego does, by a vote of 2/3 of its members, exempt itself from the provisions of PA 152 for one year beginning January 1, 2016, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City exempt itself from the requirements of PA 152 for one year beginning January 1, 2016, and pursuant to the Act no exemption beyond December 31, 2016, is intended or implied by this resolution, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) provisions of Public Act 63 of 2011, the City of Otsego City did produce a plan for implementing new compensation standards for, among other things, health insurance premium cost sharing by May 1, 2012, as required by Public Act 63.

YEAS: Commissioners: Tom Gilmer, Kathy Misner, Cyndi Trobeck, Ryan Wieber,
& Stacey Withee

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

- A. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS – LINDA ELDRED, RICHARD DELONG, AND GARY TROBECK TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016

Commissioner Withee moved to affirm the Mayor’s appointment of Linda Eldred, Richard DeLong, and Gary Trobeck to the Board of Review, terms to expire December 31, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Wieber. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: new law regarding the ability of municipalities to discuss ballot proposals sixty days before an election; Health Insurance; Public Safety Millage Resolution at next meeting; new WWTP employee; and the WWTP Supervisor's upcoming retirement and his replacement.
2. The Commission had a discussion regarding the new proposed "gag order" for municipalities.
3. He reviewed the Public Safety Millage Power Point Presentation with the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Misner – she commented that she was sorry that she missed the Staff Potluck. She reminded the Fire Department that she is still in favor of installing a sign in front of the Fire Department indicating the number of Fire Department calls. She indicated that our community needs to know. Manager Beard stated that he is in the process of getting quotes for a sign.

Mayor Gilmer – he read and congratulated Dennis Brown for obtaining MDEQ C & D licenses for the Water Department. He commented that the Building Permit List was interesting and it illustrated that the City is growing. He complimented Luke Keyzer for his managerial skills, while filling in for the WWTP Supervisor. He thanked the audience for attending.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 7:53 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk