

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, December 5, 2016.

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

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016, were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. CONSIDERATION OF SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ADDITION

Manager Beard explained that the Planning Commission recently reviewed the site plan at their last meeting, and suggested approval of the site plan. Manager Beard stated that the criteria for the building set-backs were met and that the City Engineer had written an exception for the 100 foot encroachment of the main driveway. It was noted that the project will be completed in two phases, the first phase being the driveway and footings. Commissioner Misner moved to approve the Site Plan for the First Congregational Church Addition, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

VI. AGREEMENTS

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34 - A RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE TO THE 2016-2017 OTSEGO GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Mayor Trobeck read and presented the Girls Cross Country Team with the plaque.

Commissioner Gilmer moved to the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-34 – a Resolution of Tribute to the 2016 Otsego Varsity Girls Cross Country Team, seconded by Commissioner Wieber.

CITY OF OTSEGO MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34

A RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE TO THE 2016-2017 OTSEGO GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

WHEREAS, the Otsego Girls Cross Country Team, under the direction of their coach Steve Long, were recognized as the Wolverine Conference Champions, the Allegan County Champions, the Regional Champions, and the Division 2 State Champions, and;

WHEREAS, they won the second girls state championship in any sport for Otsego, and

WHEREAS, they completed their season with a record of 141-1, the most wins in school history and

WHEREAS, they have won the conference for the 5th straight year, the regional title for the 2nd straight year, the state title for the 2nd straight year and

WHEREAS, they placed second for Academic All State as a team with a 3.982 GPA, and

WHEREAS, they ran with dedication, incredible sportsmanship, and respect for themselves and their opponents, and

WHEREAS, they represented themselves, their school, and their community of Otsego in a positive way, and

WHEREAS, by their individual and team performance, they generated communitywide recognition and respect for their sport and their achievements, and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City of Otsego does hereby recognize and acknowledge the 2016 Girls Cross Country Team with gratitude and pride, for their accomplishments and their 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 the Otsego Girls Cross Country Team and Coach Steve Long at the December 5, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Kathy Misner, Tom Gilmer, Ryan Wieber, Nick Breedveld.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35 - A RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHEDULING THE 2017 MEETINGS OF CITY OF OTSEGO CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Breedveld offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Misner.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHEDULING THE
2017 MEETINGS OF CITY OF OTSEGO CITY COMMISSION**

Whereas, pursuant to Section 5(2) of Act 266 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act, the Otsego City Commission must establish and post notice of its regularly scheduled meetings; and

Whereas, Regular City Commission meetings are held at 7:00 PM local time, on the first and third Monday nights in the City Of Otsego Chambers located at 117 E. Orleans Street, Otsego, MI 49078, unless otherwise stated; and

Whereas, a regular meeting may be re-scheduled or a special meeting scheduled upon eighteen (18) hours posted notice; and

Whereas, questions regarding meetings should be directed to the City Clerk at 117 E. Orleans Street, Otsego, MI 49078, 269-692-3391;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the City of Otsego Commission Regular Meetings for 2017, are scheduled for the following dates:

January	3 and	16
February	6 and	20
March	6 and	20
April	3 and	17
May	1 and	15
June	5 and	19
July	3 and	17
August	7 and	21
September	5 and	18
October	2 and	16
November	6 and	20
December	4 and	18

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Kathy Misner, Tom Gilmer, Ryan Wieber,
Nick Breedveld.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

C. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OTSEGO RELATING TO PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 – THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

Commissioner Wieber offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption, supported by Commissioner Breedveld.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-36

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, 2015, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City exempt itself from the requirements of PA 152 for one year beginning January 1, 2015, and pursuant to the Act no exemption beyond December 31, 2015, 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: Cyndi Trobeck, Kathy Misner, Tom Gilmer, Ryan Wieber,
Nick Breedveld.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

D. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-37 – A RESOLUTION OF
APPRECIATION – STACEY WITHEE

Mayor Trobeck read and presented Stacey Withee with a plaque.

Commissioner Gilmer offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by
Commissioner Misner.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-37
A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – STACEY WITHEE

WHEREAS, Stacey Withee was sworn in as a City Commissioner on September 21, 2015, with
the City of Otsego: and

WHEREAS, Stacey Withee has faithfully served the City of Otsego from September 2015 to
November 2016; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2016, Stacey Withee attended her last meeting as City
Commissioner for the Otsego City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of
Otsego, as an expression of thanks on behalf of the citizens of this City, commend Stacey Withee
for her loyal service to the City of Otsego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is spread in full on the minutes of
the December 5, 2016, meeting of the Otsego City Commission and a copy of this resolution be
presented to Ms. Withee.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Kathy Misner, Tom Gilmer, Ryan Wieber,
Nick Breedveld.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: Hometown Christmas; Personal Property Tax reimbursement; and Special Meeting on December 19th.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Robert Alway, 1026 Barton – he commented that the City should be responsible with the reimbursement funds.

Stacey Withee, 614 S. Farmer – she thanked the Commission for the Resolution of Appreciation.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Misner – she commented that the Hometown Christmas was a roaring success. She stated that there were more people at the parade than there has ever been. She commented that it was a great Main Street event and a good job was done by all.

Commissioner Wieber – he congratulated that Girls Cross Country Team and commended them on their amazing combined 3.9 grade point average.

Commissioner Gilmer – he gave Coach Steve Long many kudos for his disciplined team, as some of the team members have ran for years not taking a day off. He commented that these accomplishment have been good for the school and it is especially good to see the less well known sports being recognized.

Commissioner Breedveld – he congratulated the Girls Cross Country Team. He commented that the Hometown Christmas Parade was well attended. He stated that next year the issue of the crowds in the road should be addressed to keep everyone safe.

Mayor Trobeck – she congratulated the Girls Cross Country Team as back to back State Championships are very impressive. She commented that the resolution was presented to Stacey Withee with great appreciation. She thanked Commissioner Gilmer for making arrangements for the Commission to participate in the parade in her absence.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. CARRIED – 7:35 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk