

Ogden Township  
10128 Pence Hwy  
Blissfield, MI 49228

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## **August 10th, 2021- 7:00pm- Ogden Twp Regular Board Meeting-Approved Minutes**

### CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL

- Supervisor Marks called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. All stood for pledge to flag. Board members present included: Richard Marks, Rick Dennison, Ashley Vandebusch, Josh Van Camp & Mark Vandebusch. No board members were absent.

### ADOPT AGENDA

- M. Vandebusch motioned to adopt agenda as presented. A. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried.

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 13th, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

- Van Camp motioned to approve July 13th, 2021 regular meeting minutes with a spelling correction to his last name under roll call. Dennison Supported. Motion carried.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Madison fire department provided a report out on current status of calls for the Month of July/ YTD 2021.

### PAYING OF BILLS

- Dennison motioned to pay bills as presented. M. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- M. Vandebusch motioned to accept Treasurers report as presented. Van Camp supported. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Supervisor Marks noted a complaint from a property owner on Yankee/ Loar who has a neighbor whose brush is obstructing view from his property. Township hands are tied in this matter and home owner was informed of this.

## UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- Roads
  - Discussion was had on mowing (county isn't going to be doing much of it.) Question arose on if that is a budgeted line item for the Road Commission. M. Vandebusch motioned to draft a letter to the Road commission on this. No support- motion failed. M. Vandebusch then motioned to pursue getting on the Road Commissions agenda to voice concerns. Dennison supported. Motion carried. Mark and Rich will move forward with this.
- Solar Ordinance
  - Discussion was had around Technology hook up for when the Solar Draft was completed and the Attorney is ready to meet with the Board. Ashley and Mark will work on options for this.
- Website
  - The URLs and Website hosting has been paid for. Temira from Waterstone Digital will be taking pictures and starting to work on putting the website structure together. No action needed at this time by the board.
- Cemetery Ordinance
  - Marks motioned to include "Markers and monuments be composed of a Natural Stone material" to section 4: Markers & Memorials. M. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried.
  - Marks motioned to change 36" to 42" in section 4 with regards to footer width. A. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried.
  - Marks motioned to add in section 5 that the Sexton must be given a "Minimum" of 36 hours' notice before opening a grave. Dennison supported. Motion carried.
  - Marks motioned to scratch the word "internment" in the Title line of Section 6: Internment & disinterment regulations. M. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried.
  - Marks motioned to add at the end of section 6 "Any and all fees incurred will be paid by the party requesting disinterment." M. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried.
  - Marks motioned to change the word "destroyed" to "disposed of" under section 8- Cemetery clean up. A. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried.
  - Marks motioned to increase wage to be charged to Non-residents for a plot to \$450.00 in Section 9. Dennison supported. Motion carried.

- Marks motioned to add in Section 9 that each plot with an existing footer be charged an additional \$300.00 for the existing footer. M. Vandenbusche supported. Motion carried.
- M. Vandenbusche motioned to increase, in section 10, the cost to transfer 1 or more cemetery spaces from \$20.00 to \$100.00. Marks supported. Motion carried.
- Marks motioned to take the last sentence of section 10 reading “Any resident that moves away for any reason other than health or old age (gives up residency) becomes a non-resident, unless the grave site has been previously reserved,” to the end of section 9.
- Marks motioned to update the year to 1960 in section 11 in regards to forfeiture of lots with no burials. Dennison supported. Motion carried.
- Clerk Vandenbusche will make changes and present draft at next board meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- E-mail
  - Discussion was held around creating an Ogden Township G-mail account to use for the website. Josh suggested we ask if our Domain/hosting comes with an email. Clerk Vandenbusche will check into this.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1 individual voiced a concern during public comment about a large weed growing by a monument in the Cemetery.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- M. Vandenbusche motioned to adjourn. Dennison supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Minutes submitted by:

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Ashley Vandenbusche- Ogden Township Clerk