

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Chuck Moore, Lauri Krueger, Jason Smith and Brent Milhiem. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; DPW Supervisor, Mick Bosch; Finance Director/Treasurer, Matthew Storbeck; Police Chief, Brad Misner; and Fire Chief, Brandon Weber.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Krueger moved to approve the September 6, 2022, Regular Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE
Commissioner Dugan was not in attendance.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19 - A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & KEY TO CITY – CYNDI TROBECK
Mayor Withee read and presented the Resolution of Appreciation and the Key to the City to the Trobeck family. Gary Trobeck commented that she would have been so honored. He encouraged the audience to “go out and do something good this week”.

Commissioner Milhiem offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & KEY TO CITY – CYNDI TROBECK

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck was appointed to the Otsego City Commission in July 7, 2012, as a City Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck served as the Mayor of Otsego from November 2016 to March 21, 2022; the 1st female Mayor in the City of Otsego's history; and

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck has been a resident of the City of Otsego since 1958 and also traveled to other locations in her adult years, eventually making the City of Otsego her home; and

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck has faithfully served the City of Otsego as a City Commissioner, served on the City of Otsego Fire Department Committee, Planning Commission, and the DDA/Main Street Board; and

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck has participated in many community endeavors including as President and Board Member of the Otsego Rotary Club, Hometown Christmas Committee Chair, Steins & Vines Committee Chair, multiple roles within the Otsego Methodist Church, Christian Neighbors Board Member and a Otsego Main Street Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Cyndi enjoyed her many roles in the Otsego community including walking in parades, sitting in a dunk tank harassing patrons to raise money, enjoying a Hometown Christmas mid-day break at Maude's and judging the lighting contest with friends; and

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck was a valuable asset to the citizens of the City of Otsego, the Otsego City Commission, and to the City of Otsego and will be missed by all; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2022, Cyndi Trobeck attended her last meeting as City Commissioner for the City of Otsego; and

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 Cyndi Trobeck for her loyal and extraordinary service to the City of Otsego; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread in full on the minutes of the September 19, 2022, meeting of the Otsego City Commission and a copy of this resolution and a Key to the City be presented to Cyndi's husband Gary Trobeck and her family.

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem, Chuck Moore & Jason Smith.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20 – A RESOLUTION
PRESENTING THE CYNDI TROBECK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

At this time, Mayor Withee read the Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award Resolution and announced the inaugural winner – Mike Bosch. Mike Bosch thanked the Trobeck family for the award. He commented that Cyndi was an amazing woman. He said on behalf of himself, his family, and the City – “go out and do something good this week”.

Commissioner Smith offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Krueger.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20

THE AWARDING OF THE CYNDI TROBECK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck displayed a life of community service through multiple agencies and in many roles across the City of Otsego, and

WHEREAS, with hopes of honoring Cyndi’s legacy and extend a deep appreciation for all community service volunteers within Otsego, the Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award is awarded to the individual who best embodies Cyndi’s dedication to community with service above self, and

WHEREAS, Cyndi’s husband Gary and the Trobeck family have made the decision based on nominations and accomplishments given to them by local non-profits and community groups, with coordination by the City Manager, and

WHEREAS, Mike Bosch with his service and leadership across the community through various events hosted by the Otsego Rotary Club, Otsego Main Street, Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce, Turkey Tracks, North Point Church and the quality service he provides the residents of Otsego as the DPW Superintendent day in day out as well as being an overall “great guy” was named the winner of the inaugural award and his efforts and sacrifice should be celebrated; and

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 Mike Bosch for his continuous and extraordinary service to the City of Otsego through community service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread in full on the minutes of the September 19, 2022, meeting of the Otsego City Commission and a plaque commemorating the occasion is presented to Mike Bosch.

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem, Chuck Moore & Jason Smith.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager gave updates on the following:

- None.

City Manager Mitchell commented that everything that was said about Cyndi Trobeck tonight was true. She played so many roles and many of them were behind the scenes – “she has left a hole”. He thanked the Trobeck family.

Questions for the City Manager: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jean Ashley, 1103 Barton – she announced that tomorrow night there will be a Meet the Candidate Night at the museum. She indicated that it will be a non-partisan event. She invited everyone to attend.

Charles Housel, 379 W Orleans – he asked for an update on the Fire truck. Fire Chief Weber gave an update and commented that there will be presentations and open houses regarding the Fire truck, in the future. Chief Weber stated that the City Commission will direct how to proceed.

Nick Breedveld, 1101 Barton – he asked how much the equipment that was sold recently sold for. DPW Supervisor Bosch stated that all items received three bids. DPW Supervisor Bosch didn't have the exact prices on all of the items, but the bids were all over the minimum bid.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

Commissioner Moore – he thanked everyone for attending and commented that it was an emotional night. He thanked the Trobeck family. He commented that it was nice that a lot of the community showed up for the meeting. He commented that he will see everyone at the Meet the Candidate Night tomorrow.

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked Gary Trobeck and the Trobeck family. She commented what a great honor for Cyndi. She told the story of their first meeting. She commented that Mike Bosch is a wonderful person and there is no one better to receive the first Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award.

Commissioner Milhiem – he commented that he appreciated the audience’s attendance. He congratulated Mike Bosch and commented that there is no one better to receive the award and that our community is blessed to have you. He commented that Cyndi was the reason that he is a Commissioner. He stated that Cyndi enjoyed being a substitute teacher and teaching the children. He stated that she was truly a public servant and someone that he would like to model his life after.

Commissioner Smith – he thanked Gary Trobeck and his family. He commented that Cyndi was the type of person who believed in you when you didn’t believe in yourself. He stated that he was grateful for the time he had with Cyndi. He commented that Mike Bosch is a good man and thanked him for all he does.

Mayor Withee – she commented that Cyndi was the brain child of the Art Thing that was recently held and that you could feel her spirit in the room. She stated that Cyndi walked the walk in her high heeled shoes and did a fantastic job. She commented that she is sure Cyndi is watching over Otsego and will continue to do so for a long time. She stated that Mike Bosch was the best person for the inaugural Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award, and Cyndi would be very proud.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED – 7:21 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk