A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, January 6, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Lauri Krueger, Chuck Moore, Jason Smith, and Wayne Rayburn. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; Finance Director, Brian Kelley; Director of Police & Fire, Brad Misner; and Director of Public Works, Michael Bosch.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the December 2, 2024, Minutes were approved as submitted. CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMSNone.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. UPDATE FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER DUGAN County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on County activities.

B. 2025 CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL GOALS

City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of his goals for 2025, and answered questions of the Commission. The City Clerk, Director of Public Works, Director of Police & Fire, and Finance Director gave brief presentations of their department goals for 2025, and answered questions of the Commission.

- 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 30, 2025

Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the Transfer Station Coupon Program beginning in February 2025, and expiring on December 30, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH SINGLE PREMISE ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Commissioner Smith move to set a Public Hearing to establish Single Premise Assessments for delinquent charges for City Service on February 3, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01 – A RESOLUTION TO MOVE MARCH 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW STARTING DATE

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

CITY OF OTSEGO ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

RESOLUTION TO MOVE MARCH 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW STARTING DATE

WHEREAS, the City Assessor will be unable to attend the established start date for the 2025 March Board of Review which is the second Monday of March, March 10, 2025; 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 2025 March Board of Review as Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Chuck Moore, Jason Smith, and Wayne Rayburn.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS – RICHARD DELONG (ALTERNATE), LARRY ZUIDERVEEN, JAIME CASTANEDA, AND KAY STRONG TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2025

Commissioner Krueger moved to reappoint Board of Review Members – Richard DeLong (Alternate), Larry Zuiderveen, Jaime Castaneda, and Kay Strong terms to expire December 31, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

- 1. He commented that he had contacted Representative Matt Hall, who is now the Majority Leader, in regards to Hom Flats.
- 2. He announced that he is going to be inviting non-profit groups to come to City Commission meetings, one per month, to talk to the Commission and audience.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

The Commissioners thanked the Department Heads for their presentations.

Mayor Withee – she thanked all of the Department Heads for attending the meeting and for their presentations. She thanked the audience for attending.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED. 8:35 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC City Clerk