

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, February 17, 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.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, the February 3, 2025, Minutes were approved as submitted. CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE

County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on County activities.

B. JENNY BOERMAN - PROCLAMATION #2025-01

At this time, Mayor Withee read Proclamation #2025-01, and presented former Chamber Director Jenny Boerman with the Proclamation. The Commission and audience congratulated Ms. Boerman and thanked her for her community service.

PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-01

**THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OTSEGO, MICHIGAN
DESIRES TO CONVEY TO**

MS. JENNY BOERMAN

CONGRATULATIONS AND RECOGNITION ARE DESERVED FOR HER SUCCESSFUL 7 YEAR TENURE OF SERVING THE OTSEGO BUSINESS COMMUNITY AS THE OTSEGO-PLAINWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. HER LEADERSHIP PROVIDED STABILITY AND SUPPORT TO THE CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT PRODUCED GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP AND REPUTATION. THE CHAMBER HAS BEEN ABLE TO IMPROVE ON PREVIOUS SUCCESSES SUCH AS THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL AND CREATE UNIQUE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO OTSEGO BUSINESSES.

FURTHER, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THIS PROCLAMATION WILL BE SPREAD UPON THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTSEGO CITY COMMISSION HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2025

C. CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS

Mr. Eric Hoffman of Christian Neighbors was present to present an overview of Christian Neighbors and the services that they offer to the community. He stated that the Path Walk is a large fundraiser that they host each year. He also explained the Meijer Simply Give Program and the double match days. Mr. Hoffman answered questions of the Commission and audience. The Commission thanked him for this presentation and his community work.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

VI. AGREEMENTS:

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH
PCI FOR RENTAL INSPECTIONS**

City Manager Mitchell gave a brief history of the Rental Inspections and why they ceased about seven years ago. He explained that the initial startup is a fee of \$7,500; then \$3,500 per year. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the need and importance of the rental inspections going forward. City Manager Mitchell stated that he is very confident in PCI's ability to carry out these inspections. Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the execution of an agreement with PCI for Rental inspections, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. QUESTIONS FOR THE CITY MANAGER

At this time, City Manager asked for questions from the Commission and audience.

1. What Vision or specific goal do you have for this year? Answer: Have the Elks Lodge taken down and completed before the end of 2025.
2. What is your vision for the Elks property? Answer: Green space.
3. Explained the New Entrance Sign at Brookside Park with message board.
4. Is there an update of the Riverfront Apartments? Answer: They are in the process of doing a Phase Two Environmental Study.
5. Since 106th is being repaved, will this also be within the city limits? Answer: No, the repaving is in the Township.
6. Chatter on Facebook regarding lead pipes. Answer: The City has never had a bad test. He explained in detail the letters that were sent to every household, as required by EGLE. He explained that process that the City has in replacing lead services.
7. Is everyone getting new internet services? Answer: 123.net has completed their work within the City, at this time. Surf Internet will be coming to the City, beginning in March, to provide services to City residents.
8. MDOT will be repaving M-89 in 2026.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

1. Surf Internet

2. Participated in a WMU WSA Forum. He commented that it was wonderful experience and it was good to talk to the students and help them think about their future.
3. He thanked Mr. Hoffman for attending the meeting, and mentioned that Christian Neighbors also offers free tax services.
4. He thanked Jenny Boerman for all of her community service, and wished her well.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Doug Wine, DAD's Post 56 - he distributed a letter to the Commission on behalf of the DAD's Post 56, introducing their 2025 fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held on August 16, 2025 and include: bands/music, a car show, and art show. He explained that they are in the early stages of planning the event, but want to have the City approve the event, so more planning can take place.

City Manager Mitchell commented that a License Agreement will be assembled once we have the details finalized and put before the City Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith – welcomed the new Chamber Director.

Commissioner Rayburn thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report, he congratulated Jenny Boerman, thanked Mr. Wine for explaining what the DAD's Post 56 does, and Christian Neighbors for their presentation.

Mayor Withee – she reminded everyone of the Christian Neighbors double match days at Meijer (March 1 & 22, 2025) and asked that everyone share it on social media.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn.
CARRIED. 8:06 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk