A regular meeting of the Ontario Town Board was called to order by Supervisor John Smith at 7:00 p.m. in the Ontario Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Smith, Council members: Jason Ruffell, Frank Robusto, Joseph Catalano, Richard Leszyk, Business Manager Paul Liess, Highway Superintendent Marilee Stollery and Town Clerk Debra DeMinck.

16 residents and visitors were present at portions of the meeting

Mrs. Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Legal Notice of Public Hearing on the 2018 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Ontario was published in the Times of Wayne County on October 15, 2017, the Wayne County Mail on October 19, 2017, on the clerk’s sign board and town website on October 19, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Robusto, to open the 2018 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Smith asked for public comments or questions.

Mr. Jim Switzer asked if the budget included money for a town clean-up.  
Mr. Smith replied no.

Mr. Jim Switzer asked if it included fire protection and Mr. Smith answered yes.

Mr. Jim Switzer asked how much of fund balance was used. Mr. Smith replied $469,000, a combination of highway and general fund.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any more questions or comments. Hearing none:

A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Robusto, to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**Revisions to the Agenda** - A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to approve the agenda with the addition of highway transfers. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)** – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Town Board meeting, with the addition of the Justices being present and instead of meeting location at Ontario Town Hall, change to Main Office at Casey Park. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Leszyk, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Special Town Board meeting as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Robusto, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Town Board Workshop meeting as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Correspondence** – Town Clerk stated the water re-levy amount for 2018 is $179,932.27

**New Business** – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to authorize continued payments to MRB Group for EPA Audit support for $15,000 from budget code A8540.4 as requested by the Superintendent of Highways in memo 17-18. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Board Members had a brief discussion on the future of audits and continuing education.
A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract between Wayne County and the Town of Ontario for snow and ice removal on county roads for 2018 as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Robusto, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Wayne County Aging & Youth Contract for 2018 as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the purchase of three, four drawer fire resistant file cabinets for zoning and planning for a cost not to exceed $5,099.97 from budget codes A8010.4 and A8020.4 as requested by the Interim Code Enforcement Officer in a memo dated October 19, 2017. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Budget Transfers** – A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the budget transfers submitted by the Highway Superintendent in a memo dated October 19, 2017 as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Board reports** – Mr. Smith reported on the proposed indoor gun range off of North Slocum Road and the opposition from the owner of the Tot Spot and others. The public hearing on this issue remains open.

Mr. Robusto stated he attended the Halloween event last Saturday at Casey Park and it was well attended.

Mr. Leszyk stated the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals are very busy.

**Approval of Claims** – A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Leszyk, to approve the abstract of claims for October 23, 2017 including vouchers #2496 through #2632 (2500, 2501, 2504-2506 used by the Business Office ) with a grand total of $102,427.43 and to authorize the Supervisor to issue payments for same. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Workshop Items** – 2018 Budget Discussion continued – 2018 Wage Planner – Non-Union, Salaried, Exempt and Hourly.

The Board had a discussion on giving health care to the two Court Clerks, Assistant Director at Parks & Recreation, Confidential Clerk to the Supervisor, the Deputy Town Clerk, the Assessor and the Business Manager.

Board members had differing opinions and whether to give a raise on top of the health care.

Board members will think about it and discuss at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to adopt the 2018 Preliminary Budget as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Robusto, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Debra DeMinck
Ontario Town Clerk

The above minutes will become official upon approval of the town board.