

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, APRIL 19, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and five audience members. A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and a special meeting held on March 22, 07. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$808,249.53
Receipts	46,975.34
Disbursements	18,434.33
Ending Balance	\$836,790.53

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$28,165.88
Receipts	113.39
Disbursements	13,965.53
Audit charges	1,300.00
Ending Balance	\$13,013.74

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$101,487.98
Receipts	85.86
Disbursements	8,655.96
Ending Balance	\$ 92,917.88

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. Seven runs this month, five EMS and two fire related runs. Two members of the department successfully completed FF-2 and Haz-mat classes. The Fit Testing Policy has begun. This involves a medical questionnaire and if needed follow up with a doctor. Mitch Vieau has been hired by the department and already has Fire Fighter 1 training as well as vehicle extrication. Meeting room at the fire hall will be painted.

A motion was made by Brown to approve bills for the General Fund of \$39,197.34, Fire Fund, 26,476.06, Trash Fund \$13,965.53 and Constable of \$201.93. Motion seconded by Baker and carried. A motion was made by Markovich to amend the 2007-08 budget to include a \$3,800 payment by the township to support the Otsego County Planning and Zoning Department. The monies will be added to the Planning Commissions cost center and taken from contingency. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

Several applications have been received for the newly formed Parks and Recreation and Cemetery Advisory Committees. A motion was made by Wagar to appoint the following

people to the Cemetery Committee: Nora Corfis, Dianne Newman and Mary Brown. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

A motion was made by Wagar to appoint Philip Alexander, Ann Wagar, Diane Coutant, and Lorraine Markovich to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was also made by Wagar to appoint Christine Wohlfeil to the Parks Committee. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning member Stults. The Planning Commission reviewed the Fire Charges Ordinance as requested at the last regular meeting by the township board. Discussed the number of runs on I-75 and safety issues involved. Also discussed the \$250 charge for these incidents. Chief Shelly will get cost per run numbers before making a decision to raise the fee. The planning commission will review fire charges of surrounding communities before proceeding further.

Township resident Doss would like to see some action taken on getting the Trading Post torn down. Baker made a motion to have Supervisor Wagar contact our township attorney to begin the process to have the Trading Post demolished per our Dangerous Buildings Ordinance. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker provided the board with cost estimates to put a used 12,600 gallon tank with well at a cost of \$18,500. Baker has researched areas in Michaywe that would be central and cheapest to install something of this nature. There was discussion about the cost of a well and would it be worth the \$5,000 expense just for the well. Cost of the tank alone is \$13,500. If no well was installed the tank would have to be refilled by taking the pumper back to the fire hall, filling it and then going back to the tank and filling it manually. If a well were included it would be refilled as water was pumped from it for fires. After much discussion no decision was made at this time. The current dry hydrant in Guthrie Lakes is no longer operational. A motion was made by Whyte to pull the current dry hydrant from Guthrie Creek and relocate it to Section One Lake. Cost to accomplish this would be \$5,290. A motion was made by Whyte to relocate the dry hydrant from Guthrie Creek to Section One Lake. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

Mary Brown attended the Enchanted Forest Property Owners Association Board of Directors meeting to discuss the dry hydrant. Mary received a letter authorizing the township to install and maintain a dry hydrant along Hidden Isle.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed and approved reports.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

The next commissioners meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Corwith Township Hall. The county has hired a private company to do a jail survey. Cost to do this is \$14,000. Wagar questioned whether this is money spent wisely or not.

Wagar has received a letter from Sheriff McBride offering to do the job of our Enforcement Officer. Dorothy Layman, the County Enforcement Officer also expressed interest in doing this job. It was also suggested that our township constable could fill the position. Township resident and planning member Stults feels that the ordinance themselves state who would do the enforcing and there is no need for an enforcement officer at this time.

Chief Shelly sent out specifications for a new mini pumper to various companies asking for sealed bids with a deadline of April 19, 2007. Three bids have been received by the Township. One is from Fouts, a company out of Georgia in the amount of \$79,600. The next bid was from Up North Fire for \$79,980, another bid was from Assault which was for \$111,650. Bids will be reviewed and a decision made at another time.

The Spring District meeting will be held in Gaylord at Treetops Resort on Tuesday, May 22nd. Any board member wishing to attend please let the clerk know before May 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk