

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of last regular meeting and the special meeting of June 25, 2007. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$990,949.75
Receipts	11,815.93
Disbursements	18,231.64
Ending Balance	\$984,534.04

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$133,993.03
Receipts	524.28
Disbursements	13,965.53
Ending Balance	\$120,551.78

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$214,892.89
Receipts	345.67
Disbursements	3,582.35
Ending Balance	\$211,656.21

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were sixteen runs last month. Meeting room is painted, big improvement. Board gave approval to put a truck in the Alpenfest Parade on July 21st. Should hear soon about the Hydrant at Section One Lake. Some concerns exist about the proposed well and tank scheduled to be installed in Michaywe. We are getting conflicting price quotes and now we have received a price to coat the steel tank of \$2.35 per sq ft. which is on top of the quote of \$18,500 for a well and tank. If we went with a plastic tank that would be an additional \$6,000. Wagar will check with Steve Johnson of Johnson Oil to see where they get their tanks to see if we can get a second price quote.

At a previous meeting Wagar read a resolution titled Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC). No action was taken at that time. After reviewing and discussing the resolution a motion was made by Baker to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Markovich. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.

Wagar has received letters from Harvey Sewell, who was a member of the fire department. He attended classes in Frederic and is requesting reimburse for mileage to and from these classes. The mileage he is asking for would amount to over \$530.00. A

motion was made by Brown to have our township attorney review the letters and determine whether Sewell is eligible for millage reimbursement. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

We have received all of the necessary requirements from UpNorth Fire for the proposed new mini pumper. Cost would be \$79,980 for the truck with an aluminum box that is NFPA compliant. They are requesting a down payment of 50% with balance due on completion. A motion was made by Brown to contract with UpNorth Fire to build the new vehicle. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

A motion was made by Baker to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$19,286.58, Fire Fund \$4,145.10, Trash Fund \$13,965.53 and Constable of \$201.93. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Wagar has received a request that the township contribute \$200.00 toward the cost of posting signs warning boaters of the dangers of transferring such species as Zebra Muscles and other harmful life from lake to lake. There are many lakes in our township and perhaps this is something that would be more appropriate to have the various lake associations post signs at public landings.

The Otsego County Road Commission has approached the township about upgrading Lake Street in Pine Beach. Since this road is in both Otsego Lake Township and Bagley Township, perhaps we would share the cost. Also, would the road commission be paying for any of these upgrades and if so what percent of the work would they pay.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Report given by planning member Corfis. Reviewed the minutes of the last planning meeting and discussed the amendments to the Fire Charges Ordinance. The planning commission would like the township board to approve the change to the fire charges that they have recommended. They are asking that fees charged for incidents involving vehicles that the fire department responds be raised from \$250.00 to \$750.00 and if a call exceeds two hours that an additional \$250.00 per hour will be charged. A motion was made by Baker to approve the proposed amendment to the ordinance and to send a copy to our attorney asking for advice on how much of the amended ordinance needs to be published. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown reported that the Fire Department has received a request from the Department of Natural Resources asking that we sign a revised Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement. Under this agreement we agree to assist when possible to dispatch equipment and manpower in fighting grass and forest fires. This agreement would also permit the department to receive title on equipment purchased from the DNR. A motion was made by Brown to permit the Chief to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with the DNR. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

The Thunder Over Waters Committee is still looking for volunteers, so if you can help please sign up.

Baker reported that the parts for the damaged street light should be in tomorrow. Hopefully the repairs will be made soon so the lights will once again be functional.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked out during the monthly inspections. Reports reviewed and signed by Board members.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on happenings at the county level. The Building and Finance Committee is checking on prices for a service provider for the telephone system. The county will loan money from the capital improvement fund for an ambulance for EMS.

Comments For The Good of the Community. Resident Corfis would like to see the township park be more user friendly for handicap residents. Stults asked for an update on the Trading Post. Wagar will contact Linda Pyke at the building department to see what progress has been made in contacting owners and will call John Burt to see if an inspection has been done to determine if the building is a danger and should be torn down. Would like to see this building demolished before the Thunder Over Waters Festival which will take place on September 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on August 16, 2007. at 7:00 p.m.