

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, JUNE 21, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present, Wagar, Whyte, Brown and Markovich, absent Baker and Constable Brown. Also present 10 audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$965,049.07
Receipts	48,060.05
Disbursements	22,159.37
Ending Balance	\$990,949.75

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$130,993.03
Receipts	17,079.55
Disbursements	13,965.53
Ending Balance	\$133,993.03

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$208,569.02
Receipts	12,986.64
Disbursements	6,662.77
Ending Balance	\$214,892.89

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

The treasurer stated that there will be a small note added to the tax bills concerning Wetlands on property. Also, has received a notice from the county treasurer concerning Tax Foreclosed Sale of properties in our township. The township has a right of refusal after the State of Michigan to purchase any of these properties for public purpose. A motion was made by Brown to allow the treasurer to sign the waiver for property that is for sale due to non payment of taxes thus waiving our rights of refusal. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT

Since the township offices are not open to the public five days a week and therefore not available to the public for viewing or copying records a proposed policy that would meet the requirement for all requests that would fall under the Freedom of Information Act and any other requests for public inspection of records was read by Clerk Markovich. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Whyte to adopt the Policy and Procedure for the public inspection and copying of public records in lieu of customary business hours. All ayes, motion to adopt policy carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report given by Chief Shelly. There were 15 runs since last meeting. Three members completed FF1 class, waiting for results. Also three members are taking the EMT class which will end in August. A motion was made by Brown to give Chief Shelly permission to apply for a DNR grant, which is a 50/50 grant, to install a dry hydrant in the Opal Lake area. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried. Discussion on fire charges. A recommendation was made at the township planning meeting to raise the fee from \$250 to \$750 per vehicle run. No decision was made at this time. This will be researched further before any final decision on the charges are made. At our last township meeting a motion was made to accept the bid by Fouts Brothers, a company out of Georgia for \$79,600. The specifications that were sent to each company were not specific enough and consequently the bids that were received were not on the same equipment and requirements. Each company that bid on the mini pumper was contacted and given specific instructions for the requirements for the new vehicle. Before proceeding any further with the new bids a motion was made by Brown to rescind the bid of Fouts Brothers. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried. Two bids have been received in response to our new requirements. After discussion, which included whether MIOSHA safety requirements are suggested or mandatory. It was decided that we need to review the specs of the vehicles and the bids and also look into safety requirements before any bids are accepted by the board. A special meeting to review all bids will be held on Monday, June 25th at the township hall at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount \$16,028.10, Fire Fund \$2,765.76, Trash Fund \$13,965.53 and Constable \$201.93. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning member Fritz. Reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and briefly explained how they arrived at the figure to charge for fire runs.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Brown reported on the meeting with the Cemetery committee. Updated the board on the Waters Festival. Discussion on fire works display planned for the festival. We need to get permission from property owners in the area that is planned for the fire works. A motion was made by Markovich to give permission to approve the fire works display contingent on getting permission from owners of property that the fire works will be set off. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried. Received a Grant of Utility Easement from Michaywe Owners Association which will be faxed to our attorney for approval. Alpine Computers looked at the old computer at the fire hall and determined that it is beyond repair. A new computer will run about \$990.00. A motion was made by Brown to purchase the new computer from Alpine Computers, seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The next county board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26th at Charlton Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Open House this weekend at the Otsego County Airport. A meeting was held with county assessors and the equalization department. It was very beneficial and well attended.

Township resident Stults questioned the status of the Trading Post. Wagar will check with out attorney as to what is happening as this pertains to our Dangerous Building Ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next regular meeting will be July 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.