

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, DECEMBER 20, 2007**

Regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and nine audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of last meeting. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. In lieu of a treasurer's report the clerk read the balance of all accounts for the township accounts. The General Fund and Trash Fund had a balance of \$984,980.67 and the Fire Fund has \$17,810.85 in checking at Independent Bank, Bank of No. Michigan checking \$11,665.88, and a CD at Bank of No Michigan in the amount of \$103,074.57. Wagar reported that there is an ongoing investigation into the situation with the treasurer. There will be a complete audit conducted by Mr. Keskin before any other information is available or any other action is taken.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. Twenty runs since last meeting. All trucks passed the yearly pump testing. The after holidays party will be January 26th this year. All board members are invited. The box for the mini pumper is to be delivered next week and hopefully we will have the new truck by the end of January.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$19,130.96, Fire Fund 27,914.44, Trash Fund 13965.53, and Constable 200.83. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

A resolution was read by the clerk to authorize Tom Wagar, Supervisor, Lorraine Markovich, Clerk and Christine Wohlfeil, Deputy Treasurer to be added as authorized signers to any and all bank accounts in the name of Otsego Lake Township. A motion was made by Brown to adopt the resolution, seconded by Baker. Roll call vote, all ayes no nays. A resolution was also read to that the Township Clerk or Township Supervisor is authorized to close the current post office box at the post office in Gaylord and to have all mail forwarded to Post Office Box 99, Waters, MI 49797. A motion was made by Brown to adopt the resolution and seconded by Baker. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays.

CEMETERY REPORT

Went over the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Discussed the proposed sign to be erected at the cemetery. The next meeting will be May 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Wagar has received a letter from Otsego County Planning & Zoning. They have no problem with the land we are considering purchasing for use as a cemetery as it would make our present nonconforming cemetery less nonconforming. After discussion a motion was made by Brown to purchase the property from Mr. Arndt for a price of no more than \$4,800.00. A warranty deed with owner's title insurance would be needed. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by member Preniszky. Mr. Fritz is retiring this month after many years of service on the Planning Commission. Mr. Dale Yale an alternate was recommended by the planning commission to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Fritz. The planning commission also moved to recommend to the township board that Mr. Russell Gregg be appointed as an alternate to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Yale. The Hilltop has not complied with some of the requirements concerning landscaping that were in the original plans when the building was approved. Mr. Wagar will contact Mr. Steve Johnson owner of the Hilltop and discuss some of the problems to see if they can be settled satisfactorily.

The Township Board heard the recommendations of the Planning Commission concerning the appointments to fill vacancies created by the resignation of Mr. Fritz. A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by Brown to make the following appointments. Dan Yale to fill a two year term ending December 31, 2009, Randy Stults to be reappointed to a three year term ending December 31, 2010, and to appoint Russell Gregg to fill the two year position left vacant by Mr. Yale. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker reported on the status of the well in Michaywe. The Sight Compliance Committee approved the raised tank and Mr. Vern Coan is ready to install the tank. A motion was made by Baker to have Wade Trim to do a survey and set iron stakes for \$350.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

The sale of the Trading Post is complete but, they do not intend to demolish the building until spring. This building is a safety hazard and should be secured by boarding up the doors and windows to prevent entry to the premises.

Baker has contacted Chuck's Electric and requested a quote to replace the damaged street light.

Brown commended the fire department on receiving a grant to purchase Jaws of Life. The next Thunder Over Waters meeting will be January 9th

CONSTABLES REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed inspection reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

Since the treasurer will not be attending the Educational Convention in Detroit this year and payment has already been Clerk Markovich suggested sending the deputy treasurer in her place. A motion was made by Brown to send Deputy Treasurer Wohlfeil to the convention. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

Baker reported that he has not posted the information to allow residents to access their tax information through BS&A as he is having trouble obtaining his own information when trying to do so through the internet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will be on January 17, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.