

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,001,549.42
Receipts	6,213.55
Disbursements	17,050.43
Ending Balance	\$ 990,712.54

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$79,742.60
Receipts	304.32
Disbursements	13,965.46
Ending Balance	\$66,081.39

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 183,529.27
Receipts	97.96
Disbursements	2,587.08
Ending Balance	\$ 181,040.15

A motion was made by Baker to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. The township has an opportunity to partner with BS&A for an internet program that would allow property owners to access their current property tax information and also allow them to make payment through BS&A. One option available does not charge the township for the first three months. After the three months there would be a \$3,000.00 fee. A second option allows property owners to access their records, but there would be a \$2.00 fee. A motion was made by Brown to sign up for the program for the three months, second Baker, motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report given by Chief Shelly. There were thirteen runs since last report. DOT inspections have been finished on vehicles. Received a request from FEMA for additional tax and account information. This is a sign that we are still being considered for the grant. The new truck chasis for the mini-pumper has been delivered to Gaylord Ford. Northern Fire should have the vehicle ready to take delivery in 30 to 60 days. We will have three members of the department participating in the new FF which begins on December 3, 07 and ends on May 17, 08. Vern Coan from C & C Well Drilling updated the board on the tank that is to be installed in Michaywe and the status of the dry well that will be put in at Guthrie Lakes.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$37,216.60, Fire Fund \$42,409.83, Trash Fund \$13,965.53, and Constable \$200.83. Motion seconded by Baker and carried. Payment is due for the truck for the mini-pumper in the amount of \$39,030.69. The fire budget line item for future new equipment will need to be amended by transferring \$40,000.00 from the fund balance for the fire department. A motion was made by Brown to transfer the funds from fund balance. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

## PARKS AND RECREATIONS REPORT

Chairman Wohlfeil reported that the new paved parking lot is in and the pavilion has been tiled. There is still a problem with vandilization at the park. It was suggested that a security camera be mounted on the electric pole by the pavilion. It was also suggested that steel posts be installed between the pavilion and the new parking area.

## CEMETERY REPORT

Discussed the proposed sign at the cemetery. Would it be one or two sided and it should be installed behind the fence? There is still a need for an alternate member to serve on the committee. Wagar reported that the report on the water testing at the proposed new property was completed and approved by the District Health Department. Mr. Arndt is asking for \$4,800.00 for the property. Discussion followed concerning conformance of this property to be used for a cemetery. It may not be approved by the County Zoning Board of Appeals it becomes necessary to get approval from the county.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Report given by member Baker. At the next meeting Mr. Fritz will be retiring and the board will have to appoint a replacement. The first alternate member would be Dan Yale. Discussion about all the signs at the different businesses in the township that are not in compliance with the county sign ordinance. Perhaps a joint meeting could be arranged with the township board, the planning commission and the area business owners and make it an informational meeting as to what types of signs and sizes are legally permitted.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown would like to replace the sign on the building at the fire hall with one that matches all the other new signs in the township. Signs by Design has been contacted and a price of \$1,372.00 was quoted by Mr. Feliccia. A motion was made by Brown to purchase a new sign for the building. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

There will be a Christmas tree and decoration lighting ceremony at the Fire Hall in Waters on Friday, November 30, 2007. After the ceremony cider and cookies will be served at the fire hall.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

County Commissioner Backenstose reported that Dorothy Lyman will be going full time next year. Dorothy is the enforcement officer for the county. The county will be taking over the transition house next year. After that other arrangements will have to be made. There have been some repairs at the jail. The next meeting of the Otsego County Commissioners will be held at the Otsego Lake Township Hall on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The mapping system that was installed by Equalization on the computers at the township and fire hall is in need of being updated. Cost to do this will be \$4,000.00. A motion was made by Baker to purchase the mapping update but to get a written agreement that this is a one time cost. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Because the township is changing auditors it was suggested that a tax audit be done by our old auditing firm and conducted by Walt Keskinie before any records are turned over to our new auditor. A motion was made by Brown to have an in depth audit of the tax account by Keskinie, seconded by baker, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk  
Otsego Lake Township