

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18, 2007**

Regular meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All members present and five audience members. A motion was made by Baker to approve minutes of last regular meeting, and the special meeting held on October 2, 2007. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 991,558.34
Receipts	31,084.03
Disbursements	21,092.95
Ending Balance	\$1,001,549.42

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$93,627.76
Receipts	370.37
Disbursements	14,255.53
Ending Balance	\$79,742.60

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 187,573.10
Receipts	28.41
Disbursements	4,072.24
Ending Balance	\$ 183,529.27

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. There were eleven runs since last meeting. Up North Fire will be completing annual inspections on fire trucks. A light has been installed on the flag pole and we are getting a bid on putting in additional electrical outlets in the kitchen and installing an outside plug. On the advice of our Risk Manager we now subscribe to driver subscription services through the Secretary of States Office. This enables us to check on the driving records of all personnel. The mini pumper will be delivered to Gaylord Ford the middle of November.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$15,785.70, Fire Fund 2,334.76, Trash Fund \$13,965.53, and Constable \$200.84. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

The township needs to have a policy in place for hardship tax exemptions. Working with our attorney we have come up with a Policy and Guidelines for hardship exemptions which was handed out to all board members. Questions arose about putting a lien on the property and if this was something that we should or should not do. After

discussion on the policy it was decided to table any action on the exemption until next month.

A split was presented to board members for signature. The assessor has reviewed and approved the split. It is at the south end of Bradford Lake on property belonging to Jerry & Kathy Wichman. Questions arose because it does not meet the county zoning ordinance as to back yard setback. The only thing that the board is signing is that it is a legal split. Anything else will be done by the County Zoning Department. Board members signed the split.

Ed Doss, representing the Waters Business Group, presented ideas to the board that would draw more people to the township during the Christmas holidays by decorating the light poles and having a tree lighting ceremony and providing cider and donuts around the first weekend in December. He would like to see a live tree purchased and planted on fire department property. A motion was made by Brown to have a tree moved and put in place on the south side of the fire department property and to allow spending up to \$1,000 and to move and plant a large tree and have electric service run to this site. If cost should go over \$1,000 the business group will cover the overage. Seconded by Whyte, motion carried.

Wagar reported that the repair work contracted with the Road Commission on Lakeview will probably not be done until next year.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Report given by Wohlfiel. Work is about complete on the new location for the parking lot, which will include handicap parking facilities. We are waiting on paving and this project will be finished. Will be meeting again in January and will be working on the budget for next year which will include playground equipment for younger children.

#### CEMETERY REPORT

Still waiting to do a soil analysis before purchasing the proposed new property. A new sign will be added to the cemetery. It will go behind the fence. Question as to whether the sign will be two sided or just one sided and face the road.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning member Preniczky. The planning commission discussed the Frederic Fire Department fire charges ordinance, sign violations in the township and the pending status of the Trading Post building. The building is a hazard and needs to be demolished before someone is injured as the doors to the structure are gone or wide open. Wagar will contact our attorney Mr. DuBois about meeting with the board to go over the status and inform us of our options. Mr. Stults and Mr. Fritz term on the planning commission expires at the end of the year. Mr. Fritz does not want to be reappointed and

will need to be replaced. Mr. Stults would like to remain on the commission and will need to be reappointed.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker is looking to get bids for continuing the sidewalk from Sandy Street to Memorial Drive. It is approximately 1008 feet in length.

The board already approved installing a tank and well in Michaywe, but no action has been taken as we have been waiting to see what happened with Goosman purchasing the Trading Post property and donating the fiberglass tank that is in the ground on the property. Since this seems to be a long drawn out process the board would like to go ahead and begin the process to put a tank and well in place that was already approved by a prior motion. If and when the Trading Post sale is finalized the township can find another site for the donated tank, creating two water sites in the Michaywe area.

Brown reported on the progress of the dry well in Guthrie Lakes. A letter was received from the DEQ; Chief Shelly is following up on the letter. This should be done in a month.

The Thunder Over Waters Festival Committee will be holding a spaghetti dinner at the Fire Hall on November 17, 2007 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will support the 2008 festival.

#### CONSTABLE

Everything checked out during inspections. Board reviewed reports.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on the well grant awarded to Vanderbilt. Business as normal at the county.

The sign at the township hall is being refurbished by Signs by Design.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Next regular meeting will be November 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.