

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, APRIL 17, 2008**

Regular monthly 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, Brown, Baker and Markovich. Absent Whyte and Constable Brown. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of last meeting. Motion carried. A written resignation has been submitted by Treasurer Whyte, effective April 8, 2008. The board has 45 days to appoint a replacement for the position. We have received two letters expressing interest in the position. Christine Wohlfeil, Deputy Treasurer has been doing the job since December. After discussion a motion made by Brown to appoint Deputy Treasurer Wohlfeil to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by the resignation of Treasurer Whyte. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried. Wohlfeil was sworn in as treasurer to serve until a new treasurer is elected in November 2008. Wagar read Whytes resignation letter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$992,288.83
Revenues	32,250.83
Disbursements	39,718.07
Ending Balance	\$984,821.59

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Revenues	45,895.30
Disbursements	15,286.30
Ending Balance	\$30,609.00

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 90,644.34
Revenues	208.72
Disbursements	13,912.07
Ending Balance	\$ 76,915.99

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$343,733.95
Revenues	1,188.91
Disbursements	230.40
Ending Balance	\$344,692.46

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Waters RV owner Doss thanked the board for allowing the Waters Business Group to put on the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in December and would like to have another ceremony this December. He would also like to see the light posts all decorated in the same theme and would like to look into several ideas for decorations and bring them to the board at a later time. Mr. Goosman, owner of the Keg Bar and the old Trading Post building wanted to inform the board that he plans on demolishing the building sometime after May 10th and before Memorial Day. A request has been made to have the City of Gaylord street sweeper come and sweep the gutters on US 27 in Waters.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were fourteen runs since last month. The department applied for a grant to purchase a new truck. Jaws of Life training will be held on Saturday, April 26th. The contractor is waiting for frost laws to be taken off before the tank at Michaywe and the hydrant at Guthrie Lakes are installed. Two new employees have been added to the roster. They are Tamera Perrin and Dan Hornacek. The department has received seven new pagers through a Department of Homeland Security Grant through the County. We need to look at the ordinance that we adopted for the fees we charge for our Fire Department when responding to accident scenes. Do we charge all parties involved in an accident or only the person responsible for the occurrence?

TOWNSHIP BILLS

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$34,542.42, Fire Fund \$83,068.48 and Trash Fund \$15,286.30. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. The Fire Fund budget will need to be amended because the new vehicle that was ordered in August of 2007 and budgeted for in fiscal year 2007-08 was not completed in time for payment to be made during that fiscal year. Delivery of the vehicle will be on Friday, April 18th and payment in the amount of \$29,999.60 will be due at that time. We have received the funds for the Jaws of Life Grant. The money has been deposited into the fire department account at Independent Bank. We are responsible for sending payment in full to purchase the equipment from Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$31,100. The revenue budget will have to be increased by \$29,997, the amount of the grant, and the expenditures will have to be amended to include the payment of \$31,100. A motion was made by Baker to amend the Fire Budget for both of these expenditures, and to add the \$29,997 to the revenue budget. Motion seconded by Wohlfeil and carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT

The township has received correspondence from Otsego County Equalization Department with a cost to install updated aerial maps on township computers. Cost is \$4,442 and will include annual updating, new 2006 aerials and two training sessions at the University Center. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Wohlfeil to purchase the aerial maps for the stated cost of \$4,442. Motion carried. Discussed adding an asset level test to our Policy and Guidelines for Economic Hardship exemptions for property taxes. After discussion it was suggested that we look into some of the other local units policy recommendations and discuss this further at the May meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The new equipment for the park has been ordered. We have a bid from Miracle Systems to install the equipment for \$4,550 and Landscape Plus (Paul Milikin) of \$3,800. A motion was made by Baker to accept the bid from Landscape Plus to install the

equipment and also to accept the bid from Landscape Plus for the additional work of excavating the site, hauling the dirt to the path between the park and Memorial Drive, move and reinstall the irrigation lines, install new pump with time box for automatic irrigation system, spread topsoil and seed damaged areas and install treated wood for the horseshoe pits. Price for this work to be \$7,900, for a total combined price of \$11,700. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Next meeting will be May 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the township hall. The sign has not been installed at the cemetery as yet. Brown will contact Filiccia to see when it will be put in.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker reported that the light pole has been delivered and should be installed in the next week.

Brown reported that the Thunder Over Waters Committee is looking for corporate sponsors interested in making donations to the festival. The next committee meeting will be Monday, May 5th at the township hall.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Report presented by County Commissioner Backenstose. The next commissioners meeting will be at the Elmira Township Hall. The commissioners are working on a Fraud (embezzlement) and Smoking Policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regular meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board will be on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township