

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, AUGUST 21, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present; Wagar, Markovich, Wohlfeil and Baker. Absent; M. Brown and J. Brown. Also present eight audience members.

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting with a correction to the treasurer's report. Seconded by Wohlfeil, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,124,917.82
Receipts	31,139.03
Disbursements	41,985.37
Ending Balance	\$1,114,071.48

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 175,716.65
Receipts	2,337.28
Disbursements	4,652.02
Ending Balance	\$ 173,401.91

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 130,426.10
Receipts	204.06
Disbursements	15,386.30
Ending Balance	\$ 115,343.86

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,755.52
Receipts	430,303.22
Disbursements	206,127.82
Ending Balance	\$ 228,930.92

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Markovich to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 22 runs since last meeting. The dry hydrant at Guthrie Lakes is completed and working satisfactorily. The tank at Michaywe will be in operation as soon as Great Lakes Energy hooks up the electricity. A thunderstorm knocked out the security system in the fire hall. Replacement will be approximately \$700.00. A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by Baker to approve installing the new system. Motion carried. Board gave approval for the fire department to sell hot dogs and hamburgers at the Thunder Over Waters Festival on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The DNR has given approval to install a dry hydrant at Opal Lake in Michaywe.

Waters Business Group member Doss addressed the board with a proposal to purchase and install a replacement 20' spruce tree for \$725, and install a water line to the tree. The estimated cost for this project would be \$1000. Mr. Doss would like to split this expense with the township board and the Waters Business Group. A motion was made by

Markovich to pay \$500. towards the installation of the tree and watering system. Seconded by Wohlfeil, motion carried. Mr. Doss has been looking at an organization that decorates light poles. They would also come back and take down the decorations. He will check into this further and get back to the board with the information.

A motion was made Wohlfeil to pay bills for the General Fund of \$23,997.65, Fire Fund \$5,758.16, and Trash Fund \$16,036.30. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report given by Chair Wohlfeil. There has been some vandalism reported at the township park. Wagar has looked into purchasing a security camera for the park. He is checking prices to see if there is something that would be affordable and still do the job of deterring further vandalism.

#### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The light for the flag and the additional water spigot is in place at the cemetery. There has been criticism about the placement of the light for the flag. The committee will meet with Milltown Electric and see if the light can be moved to the side of the memorial. Also complaints about the new water outlet being too high and hard to operate. This will also be discussed for a possible solution. The committee is also getting estimates to get the old bus removed. The fence is rusting, mainly the arch over the entrance. Will check on the age of the fence for possible warranty and get an estimate to remove the rust and repaint. The board needs to look into a possible easement to the back lot at the cemetery.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Stults gave an update on the proposed bridge in Guthrie Lakes. Bradford Scott needs to have a site plan review by the County Planning Commission. So far this has not been done. Stuckman has now removed most of the debris on his property. After an inspection of the Trading Post it has been determined by Mr. Ferrigan that it is not an unsafe building, there are maintenance issues but the building itself is not a hazard. Work continued on the Master Plan goals and objectives.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker gave an update on the status of the dry hydrant. And Wagar reported for Brown on the Thunder Over Waters event. Everything is on schedule and should go off smoothly.

Still waiting on an estimate by the Otsego County Road Commission on paving the shoulder from Sandy to Memorial Drive.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported that the county is also looking into Christmas decorations in front of the court house. They are planning on moving the Veterans Memorial from one corner of the grounds to the other side.

## NEW BUSINESS

Wohlfeil asked the board for permission to keep a petty cash (in the amount of \$50.00) fund in her office to use for change when tax payers pay their bills in cash. Board had no objections.

Wagar has received a request to renew the two year zoning commitment that was made with Otsego County Land Use Services Administration. Our share last time was \$3,800.00. A motion was made by Baker to renew the two year zoning contract with the county. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on September 18, 2008, and will begin with a hearing for the Special Assessment for Fire Protection at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk  
Otsego Lake Township