

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 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. All board members present and eight audience members. A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,069,715.89
Receipts	36,122.48
Disbursements	21,251.12
Ending Balance	\$1,084,587.25

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$60,573.55
Receipts	11,455.45
Disbursements	37,256.63
Ending Balance	\$34,772.37

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 134,198.22
Receipts	16.44
Disbursements	11,753.55
Ending Balance	\$ 122,461.11

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$69,407.18
Receipts	75.13
Disbursements	15,286.30
Ending Balance	\$54,196.01

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

A motion was made by Baker to pay bills for the General Fund of \$20,466.86, Fire Fund \$27,237.70, and Trash Fund \$15,286.30. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report given by Chief Shelly. There were fifteen runs since last meeting. We served approximately 75 people at our annual community dinner. The department trained on ORV rescue at the ski hill north of Waters. The annual After Holidays party will be held the second or third Saturday of January. All board members are invited. The estimated cost to move the radio tower will be somewhere in the range of \$3000 to \$5000. Our county commissioner stated that at the 911 meeting she attended the director stated that no 911 funds would be used to move the antenna.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Worked on projects for next year and discussed items to be included in the 2009-2010 budget years. Baker will work on a design for the entrances to the cemetery. Maintenance will be done to the pump house building. Also getting bids for a fence along the east side of the cemetery to be included in next years budget.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning member Boerema. Briefly reviewed the minutes of the last planning meeting. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to appoint Boerema to fill the remainder of the position left vacant by the death of planning member Preniczky which will expire 12-31-09, and to reappoint Backenstose and Black to another three year term on the Planning Commission which will expire on 12-31-11. A motion was made by Markovich to reappoint Baker as board representative to the Planning Commission, Brown as board representative to the Cemetery Committee and Fire Liaison, and Markovich as board representative for the Park Committee. Motion seconded by Baker and carried. Baker does not feel that the contract we signed with the Planning & Zoning Department was not what we understood it to be from the beginning. He has discussed this with the Zoning Administrator Burt. The board would like Mr. Burt to come to our next board meeting to discuss the contract. Mr. Wagar will invite him to our January board meeting. Wagar questioned the planning commission on the Stuckman case. Discussion followed as to whether he was running a recycling business, which would be allowed in a B2 zoned area and thus allow the business to continue operating as it does now. Planning member Stults stated that for his recycling business to be able to operate at that location it must be in an enclosed building and not stored outside.

Wagar updated the board on the status of the ORV ordinance. Wagar & M. Sanders, Hayes Township Supervisor, are on a commission to look at the ordinance. Baker feels that there could be a problem with enforcing this ordinance and is not in favor of passing this ordinance. No action is being taken at the township levels at this time.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Baker presented resolutions honoring former township planning member Leonard Fritz, retiring after 18 years service, and John Preniczky, who recently passed away and had served on the planning commission since 2002. A motion was made by Baker to adopt the resolutions, seconded by Brown. Roll call vote; all ayes no nays. Motion to adopt the resolutions passed.

Baker and Markovich met with Larry Clever, a representative from Burnham & Flower the company that insures the township. Discussed the replacement values that are placed on the township hall and fire hall, which at the present time are \$576,640 for the township hall and \$330,847 for the fire hall. Mr. Clever advised us to write a letter to Burnham & Flower and state what values the board believes should be applied to the buildings. He also suggested getting both building appraised by a certified appraiser. After discussion a motion was made by Baker to get bids from three local appraisers on both buildings, seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Reports were reviewed and approved by the board. Everything checked out during the monthly inspections.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Report given by Commission Backenstose. They have decided on a new airport manager. She would like Chief Shelly to check into the status of the garage that burned in Arbutus Beach Highlands. Chief Shelly has heard from their insurance carrier.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Brown to reappoint the following Board of Review members to a two year term that begins on January 1, 2009 and ends on December 31, 2010; Elenz, Laurencelle and Buckley and also to appoint G. Grieger as an alternate member to the board. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

A motion was made by Baker to allocate up to \$2000 to purchase a drop box and cost of installation at the township hall. Box will be located on the parking lot side of the building, on the south side of the entrance doors. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on January 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk