

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 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. Also present six audience members. A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of last meeting. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,043,077.80
Receipts	39,115.16
Disbursements	37,666.63
Ending Balance	\$1,044,526.33

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$38,150.47
Disbursements	15,286.30
Ending Balance	\$22,864.17

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 132,275.91
Receipts	53,024.94
Disbursements	20,695.36
Less 08-09 Income	71,378.27
Ending Balance	\$ 93,227.22

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$126,221.72
Receipts	420,331.32
Disbursements	339,051.70
Ending Balance	\$207,501.24

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

Budget line items for the Deputy Treasurer and Auditor need to be amended. The Deputy Treasurer by \$3,500 and the Audit line item by \$8,000. A motion was made by Markovich to amend the budget for the Deputy Treasurer and the Auditor, seconded by Baker, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were eight runs this month. The After Holidays party was a great success. Still waiting for a quote on the Jaws of Life from Rescue Tech and Holmatro. The well and tank in Michaywe should be in by late March. The mini pumper should be done around the middle of March. Two members will be taking a drivers training class in Gaylord. Board gave permission to allow the department to have a truck staged at the Michaywe Winterfest.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$22,453.24, Trash Fund \$15,286.30, Constable \$200.83 and Fire Fund of \$3,965.59. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

At the present time the monies for the Trash Fund are kept in the same account as the General Fund monies. In order to keep a more exact record of the two funds it is requested that a separate account be opened at Northwestern Bank for the Trash Fund monies. This would insure that an exact accounting could be done for both accounts and interest could be credited to the correct fund. A motion was made by Brown to open a separate account for the Trash Fund, seconded by Baker, motion carried.

PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by Chair Wohlfeil. Boy Scout Zach Wagar presented a plan to replace the poles by the road at the park with split rail fencing. He would like to do this as an Eagle Scout project. There is approximately 700 feet of fencing to purchase and install. Estimated cost of this project is \$3,000. He feels that he can raise funds of \$500 and request that the township make up the difference. A motion was made by Baker to approve the project. ~~(and to have the township budget \$2,500 for the fence materials.)~~ Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Brown reported that the new sign is ready to be installed at the cemetery. Mr. Feliccia would like to install the sign as soon as possible. He has received half payment for the sign and is requesting payment for the balance due. At the present time it would be not be practical to install the sign until the spring and the snow has melted. Brown will stop by Landscape Plus and view the sign before final payment is made on the sign.

The township sign at Arbutus Beach that was damaged by the county plow. In the spring the poles that support the sign will be replaced with 6" poles by Mr. Feliccia of Sign by Devine.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by Baker. At the last meeting Dorothy Barry the County Zoning Enforcement Officer was present and explained how she can help the township with zoning issues and the differences between the County Zoning Ordinance and the new Township Dangerous Building Ordinance. She explained her roll in handling complaints that come into her office. As of January 1, 2008 she is a full time staff member.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker presented a proposal from Wade Trim to extend the sidewalk to Memorial Drive. This proposal only includes the engineering services needed for this project. No decision was made on this proposal.

CONSTABLES REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed reports.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Everything is under control. Showed the board a picture of Ralph Holowinski. He was the County Sheriff some time ago.

NEW BUSINESS

A bill has been received by the township from the Otsego County Township Officers Association for annual dues, purchasing flags for the cemetery and an annual payment to the Otsego County Economic Development Group. Payment will be made for the flags and the annual dues. Before paying \$434 to the Economic Development Group Mr. Radcliff, head of this organization will be invited to attend out next township meeting and explain the benefits our township is receiving from the group.

The Board of Review has vacancies for two alternate members. We have received names of two people interested in serving on the board of review. Mr. Michael Buckley and Mr. Gary Greiger. A motion was made by Baker to appoint Mr. Buckley as the 1st alternate to the board of review with Mr. Greiger second appointed alternate. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. An invitation will be extended to both people to meet the board at our next Budget Workshop.

The township board will meet with the Otsego County Road Commission on Monday, February 25th to discuss road work for the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will begin with a Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on March 20, 2008 and the regular board meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

