

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

The regular meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and seventeen audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting with correction. Seconded by Wohlfeil, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,148,177.55
Receipts	10,679.63
Disbursements	33,939.36
Ending Balance	\$1,124,917.82

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$182,106.05
Receipts	42.90
Disbursements	6,432.30
Ending Balance	\$175,716.65

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 145,492.59
Receipts	219.81
Disbursements	15,286.30
Ending Balance	\$ 130,426.10

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,754.89
Receipts	78.39
Disbursements	77.76
Ending Balance	\$ 4,775.52(4,755.52)

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurers report as read, seconded by Baker, motion carried. Question from resident on procedures the township has in place for investing our funds. Excess funds are invested in CD's or interest bearing accounts at local financial institutions.

The Biannual audit has been conducted and compiled. Dan Smith, our township auditor presented copies of the audited financial statement and reviewed the report with the board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been sixteen runs this month. Fifteen members attended training on the "JAWS" and are now certified to operate the equipment. The department would like to have one vehicle in the Alpenfest parade preferably the new unit. Board saw no problem with this request. A new Firefighter/EMS person was hired by the department this month.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund of \$37,608.67, Fire Fund \$5,232.30 and Trash Fund \$15,286.30. Motion seconded by Baker and carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Report presented by Chair Wohlfeil. No meeting was held this month but a bid to improve the baseball diamond at the park was received from Landscape Plus. To remove and install a new backstop would cost \$2,700. The bid to completely renovate the existing field which would include killing the grass in the running lanes and inner field, putting down a synthetic diamond dust on the field and planting grass around the pitchers mound will cost \$6,800. This includes the backstop. After discussion it was decided not to renovate the field at this time we still need to do something about the backstop. Park committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.

A 500' split rail fence has been installed at the park by Zach Wagar as an Eagle Scout project. The fence was stained and the old wooden posts removed.

Maureen Derenzy spoke on the proposed library millage continuation proposal which will be on the ballot on August 5th. It is a six year 4/10 mill that has been in place since 1994. The monies will be used for operational purposes.

Wagar gave an update on the status of the Trading Post. The owner may not have the funds available at this time to have the building torn down. Following proper procedure and enforcing our Dangerous Buildings Ordinance the township would be able to have the building razed and a lien in the amount it costs to demolish added to the taxes. Baker feels that the township should not pay to have the building torn down and questions whether it is indeed a dangerous building. The building needs to be inspected and a determination made as to the status of the building. A decision was made to ask the Otsego County Land Use Director Joe Ferrigan to inspect the building and make a determination on the status of the building.

Attorney Delaney, representing Bradford Scott Corporation, addressed the board requesting approval for a variance for the proposed bridge at Guthrie Lakes. Otsego County Land Use Director advised the board on the process that the variance request has to go through before it should come back to the township. A motion was made by Baker to have the variance heard by the ZBA with no decision taken by the township board at this time. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Committee members Corfis and Brown met at the cemetery prior to the meeting tonight and noticed some weeds growing on grave sites and quite a bit of garbage by the pump house. Markovich and Corfis should meet at the cemetery and see exactly what needs to be done. Also, a garbage can would be helpful for disposing of trash at the cemetery.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning member Corfis reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The commission discussed some of the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. Stults reported on the Otsego County Planning Commission activities.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown reported on Thunder Over Waters. A motion was made by Brown to have the supervisor sign the fireworks permit for the festival. Insurance will be provided by the festival. Motion seconded by Wohlfeil and carried.

Baker reported on the status of the tank in Michaywe. A motion was made by Baker to contract to install a dry hydrant at Opal Lake and follow stipulations and conditions requested from the Michaywe Owners Association Board of Directors. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Baker also reported on the following dates and times that candidates may “meet and greet” the public. The first will be Friday, July 18th at Guthrie Lakes, then at the Michaywe Clubhouse on Saturday, July 26th. On August 3rd at the Otsego Lake Park a meeting will be held at 2 to 4 p.m.

CONSTABLES REPORT

Everything checked out during the monthly inspections of establishments selling liquor in Otsego Lake Township. Board reviewed and initialed constable reports.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on finances in the Building and Zoning Department at the County.

OLD BUSINESS

Wagar reported on the status of the Hill Top gas station as to finishing landscaping in accordance with the site plan. Also, Stuckman is still planning to get rid of the stumps and debris piled at his property in Waters.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Resident questioned why there are not more boat launches available to put a boat into the water at Otsego Lake. There are three designated launch sites where the public may launch a boat at the present time.

Candidates running for township office were able to give a short presentation on their history and qualifications.

NEW BUSINESS

The township has received three bids to install new carpeting in the office area and the entryway and the meeting room at the township hall. Bids were received from Alpine Carpet in the amount of \$7,034.24, Hickerson Floor & Tile from a low of \$9,966.56 to a high of \$10,401.08, and Lowe's \$11, 902.22. A motion was made by Brown to go with the bid made by Alpine Carpet. Seconded by Wohlfeil, motion carried.

A resident of Arbutus Beach Highlands expressed his concern about vehicles that are speeding in the Highlands. Would it be possible to post a speed limit or to put up signs stating "Children Playing". Wagar will contact Tom Deans of The Otsego County Road Commission and see when can be done to help keep speed down in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on August 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.