

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2008**

Budget hearing called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 6:30 p.m. Board members present, Wagar, Markovich, Brown, Baker and Constable Brown. Absent Whyte. Also present six audience members. Supervisor briefly discussed budget and answered questions from audience. Meeting closed at 6:58 p.m.

Regular meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting of February 27th with corrections. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,029,240.03
Receipts	7,962.52
Disbursements	44,913.72
Ending Balance	\$ 992,288.83

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$22,864.17
Disbursements	15,286.30
Ending Balance	\$ 7,577.87

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 164,905.49
Receipts	1,194.84
Disbursements	4,077.72
Less 08-09 revenues	71,378.27
Ending Balance	\$ 90,644.34

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$207,501.24
Receipts	875,009.64
Disbursements	738,776.93
Ending Balance	\$343,733.95

Motion by Brown to approve treasurer's report as presented and to approve amending the January 2008 report to include payment of \$15,286.30 for the trash payment. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

A motion was made by Baker to approve the budget for the fiscal year of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 by Cost Center. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

The Salary Resolution was read by Clerk Markovich, which included changes to the Deputy Treasurer pay to read – Deputy Treasurer to be paid \$425 per week with a minimum of 25 hours weekly until treasurer resigns or a new treasurer is elected then compensation will be \$10.00 per hour. A motion was made by Baker to adopt the salary resolution and seconded by Brown. Roll call vote – Brown, yes, Markovich, yes, Wagar, yes and Baker, yes. Salary resolution adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 13 runs this month. 3 members passed the FFTC Drivers Training Class and 16 members received their CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens certification. The Jaws were ordered and should arrive in 30 days. We will have to wait for "Frost Laws" to come off before the tank can be installed in Michaywe. The Mini Pumper will not be completed until the first week in April. We are going to apply for a new truck this year under the FEMA grant.

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to pay bill for the General Fund of \$18,423.49, Fire Fund \$19,225.70, Trash Fund \$15,286.30 and Constable \$200.83. Motion carried.

Jeff Radcliffe, Otsego Co Economic Alliance Director gave a report to the township board of the accomplishments that have benefited the community in Otsego County. He feels that the township benefits by way of jobs that will be created when the Old Georgia Pacific building is reopened, posting land for sale on their web site that is located in the township. He also explained that the Alliance is always available to work with the township or to provide assistance wherever needed to the township.

A presentation was put on by Charles Fain and Patricia Osburn of the Otsego Conservation District. They are asking townships to donate \$1,000.00 towards building a 30' x 48' greenhouse on land situated by the Alpine Center. The purpose of the greenhouse is to grow native seedlings to be sold to help fund a forester for the area. All townships would be serviced equally by the forester.

PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report given by Chair Wohlfeil. The park committee met and made a motion to go order the playground equipment from Miracle Systems. Cost of this system with them doing the installation is \$21,047.00. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to order the equipment from Miracle Systems. Motion carried. Paul Miliken, Landscape Plus presented a proposal that includes installation of the new equipment, grading and leveling for the new equipment and removing irrigation lines and reinstall around new equipment spreading screened sand under equipment and haul fill to gas line for path to Memorial Drive. The quote to do this work is \$11,700,00. Board members feel that it would be better to have Miracle Systems to do the installation, but would like to have a breakdown for the other charges from Landscape Plus. May 3rd has been picked as a clean up day for the park, in case of rain it will be May 10th.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown attended the fire department training night and commented on the number of fire personnel that attended the training session and the hours spent by members on training.

Baker reported on the damaged street light. It has been ordered but will not be in for another month.

CONSTABLES REPORT

Board reviewed inspection reports. Everything checked out during monthly inspections.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose informed the board that township resident and Past Township planning commission member Alexander has been appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A decision needs to be made as to whether the township can give any money to the Otsego Soil District for helping to fund the greenhouse that will in turn raise funds to support a forester. Before any decision is made we need to be sure that this is a legitimate expenditure. Baker will contact MTA legal staff to see if this is a legal expense and enable us to do a letter of intent.

After discussion a motion was made to contribute to the Otsego County Economic Development in the amount of \$434.00. A motion was made by Brown to make this payment. Baker seconded after explaining that he would like to see more done by the Alliance for businesses in our township. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A request has been made to the township by the Otsego Lake Association to appoint a member of our board to be a liaison on the sewer committee. Since Wagar was originally appointed to be on the Sewer Utility Board he volunteered to serve as a representative.

The township assessor's contract expires on March 31, 2008. A new contract needs to be approved. There were no changes to the contract and no increase in salary this year. A motion was made by Brown to approve the assessor's contract for April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township