

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, MAY 15, 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, Wohlfeil, Baker, Brown and Markovich. Absent Constable Brown. Also present ten audience members.

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to approve minutes of last meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 984,821.59
Revenues	188,785.93
Disbursements	43,377.14
Ending Balance	\$1,130,230.38

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 76,915.99
Revenues	194,168.77
Disbursements	83,123.48
Ending Balance	\$187,961.28

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 30,609.00
Receipts	145,187.39
Disbursements	15,286.30
Ending Balance	\$ 160,510.09

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$344,692.46
Receipts	56,578.71
Disbursements	398,888.41
Ending Balance	2,382.76

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

ASSESSORS REPORT

Township assessor Lindroth presented a split by Mason on Cottage Trail for board signatures. The board discussed setting an asset level to our hardship policy exemption at the last meeting and put off taking any action until the assessor could contact other units of government in our area. After comparing other local unit's asset level standards he suggested setting our policy at \$30,000 in liquid assets and exempting the house that is lived in by the applicant. This will be sent to our attorney for review before final wording is put in our policy. A motion was made by Brown to approve the suggested asset level and exempting the house that is lived in by the applicant subject to approval by our attorney. Seconded by Wohlfeil, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christie Jacobs, a candidate for the treasurer's office introduced herself to the board and audience and gave a brief report on her qualification for the position. Residents expressed concern that the Trading Post has not been demolished and questioned when it would be taken down. Wagar called and left a message for Mr. Goosman to contact him about a date for demolition. By meeting time he had not received any answer.

Mr. Larry Clever, a representative from our insurance carrier Burnham and Flower gave board members a copy of our insurance policy and went over the policy step by step. There are areas in the policy that the board members feel should have property values and bonding levels raised. He will review the policy and get information on costs to change to a higher value on property and bonding levels for township officials. We also need to add the new playground equipment, our new jaws of life and the heat sensing camera that is owned by the Fire Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were eleven runs this month. The department held elections for officers. They are Shelly, chief; Pung, assistant chief; Captains Tucker and Bober; Assistant EMS coordinator Booth; chiefs secretary Rochna and secretary/treasurer Ann Ray. The new mini pumper is in service. Training was held for the Jaws of Life. The hydrant at Guthrie Lakes will be finished by the first week of June. The tank at Michaywe is installed and waiting on electrical installation and laying down Afton stone.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund of \$22,536.61, Fire Fund \$5,511.79 and Trash Fund \$15,286.30. Seconded by Wohlfeil, motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report given by Wohlfeil. The Nature Trail was cleaned up by volunteers on Saturday, May 10. Eagle Scout candidate Neff will be working on his project to change the area where the trail ends.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Report given by committee member Brown. Introduced Denise Pallarito, a new member of the cemetery committee. There are some limbs on pine trees that need to be removed professionally and also some debris that has been left and an old decaying picnic table that needs to be removed. Will talk to Paul Miliken about the limbs on the ground and some garbage that has been left, also to take the picnic table away.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Briefly discussed the joint meeting with the township board. After going over the list of accomplishments in the township it was noted that we have completed many of our goals listed in the Otsego Lake Township Strategic Planning Report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker reported on the additional dry hydrant and boring under Opal Lake in the Michaywe area. A price quote of \$5,600, which is a substantial savings over the original price quote for this project, has been received that would include installing a dry hydrant and boring underground to Opal Lake. Baker has a meeting with Michaywe to discuss the hydrant. We also need to find out what permits will be needed for this project.

Brown reported that the next Thunder over Waters committee meeting will be on Monday, June 2nd at the township hall. The board of health has renewed the license for food preparation on premises at the fire hall.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported that the large portrait of ex Sheriff Ralph Holowinski has been purchased thanks to a community effort.

OLD BUSINESS

The burned out trailer in the Arbutus Beach is in tax foreclosure and is now the responsibility of Otsego County.

Clerk Markovich has received a bill from the Otsego County Road Commission for \$2,261.84 for the Waters Streetscape. They paid this bill in response to an invoice received from MDOT. After speaking to someone at MDOT she indicated that this project has not been closed and they are waiting on final estimates for this project and there could be additional charges. Baker feels that this project is closed and will contact Wade Trim and the OCRC to protest this bill.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting of the board will be on June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township

