

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
September 18, 2008

The hearing for the Special Assessment for Fire Protection was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 6:30 p.m. The special assessment was explained and questions answered. Hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The 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. All board members present and nine audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of last meeting with correction to include the amount of the petty cash fund of \$50.00. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND		TAX ACCOUNT	
Beginning Balance	\$1,114,071.48	Beginning Balance	\$ 228,930.92
Receipts	6,811.63	Receipts	538,754.64
Disbursements	24,568.36	Disbursements	479,862.17
Ending Balance	\$1,096,314.75	Ending Balance	\$ 287,823.39
FIRE FUND		TRASH FUND	
Beginning Balance	\$ 173,401.91	Beginning Balance	\$ 115,343.86
Receipts	5,758.21	Receipts	343.29
Disbursements	5,813.16	Disbursements	16,036.30
Ending Balance	\$ 173,346.96	Ending Balance	\$ 99,650.85

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

A motion was made by Brown to set the operating millage for the township at the maximum allowed under the Headlee Rollback. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Wohlfeil to continue charging the 1% PTAF. Discussed not charging the administration fee since the township has a solid fund balance at this time. Motion died for lack of a second. A motion was then made by Wohlfeil not to charge the fee for the 2009-2010 tax year. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Ed Doss, representing the Waters Business Group reported that the 20' Christmas tree and the watering system for the tree will be in place before the end of October. He has contacted two companies that decorate light poles for Christmas. Bronners quoted a price of \$3400-3600, with freight and cost to put the lights up and take down the cost would be approximately \$4,500. The second company is MI Decorations would charge \$62 per pole to put up and take down the decorations. Total cost would be \$744. A motion was made by Brown to contract with MI Decorations for the quoted price of \$744 for one

year. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. The next Waters Business Group meeting will be held at Ray's Retreat on September 30th at 6:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report given by Chief Shelly. There were sixteen runs since last month. The board gave the fire department permission to take unit 503 to the Fireman's Memorial Festival Parade in Roscommon on Saturday, September 20th. A Firefighter class will be put on by the Otsego County Fire Department. Cost to be \$450 per student. We have 2 or 3 students interested in taking the class. Crawford County is also offering this class for \$200 per student. The old mini pumper has been sold for \$5000.00. The department is interested in purchasing a four wheel ATV. We have quotes from 3 dealers. Costs range from \$7,343 to \$8,075. A motion was made by Brown to pursue the purchase of a 4 wheeler ATV package. Seconded by Wohlfeil and carried. There seems to be some problem with 911 dispatch in calling our department out for runs. There are procedures in place but we are either not being paged or are being paged after the county department. A Dispatch Policy was passed out to the board for review. Trustee Baker suggested documenting our calls and giving the information to our attorney. Our attorney also suggested that we get a voice activated recorder that will record the time and date of runs. The township board would like the 911 Director to attend our next township meeting and give a presentation of how calls are handled and answer questions from the board and audience. Supervisor Wagar will invite him to our meeting in October.

Having had a hearing for the Fire Department Special Assessment for Township Wide Fire Protection a resolution to determine the millage to be assessed was read by Clerk Markovich setting the millage rate at 1.05% to raise monies of \$161,373.00. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Baker and seconded by Brown. Roll call vote; Brown, aye; Markovich, aye; Wagar, aye; Wohlfeil, aye; and Baker, aye. All ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$34,330.49, Fire Fund \$5,045.79, and Trash Fund of \$15,286.30. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report given by Chair Wohlfeil. Park & Recreation member Alexander recently met with a forester to evaluate the trees at the Nature Trail. He suggested we set a policy on how we want to use the property at the Nature Trail. We have received a contract from the forester to manage the property. The price he has quoted in the contract is \$600.00 for the first forty acres and \$3.00 for each additional acre. He has offered suggestions on improving and maintaining our trees. He also suggested that there are about 35 to 40 trees at the park that should be removed. We have received two bids to remove the trees, one from Stuckman Tree Service to remove, chip and pile trees and grind stumps, move mulch to chip pile and haul black dirt to fill stump holes for a price of \$2,900. The second bid is from Landscape Plus to remove approximately 35 trees, grind stumps and

put chips on gas line for path, fill holes with top soil and seed for a price of \$2,400. Landscape Plus quoted a price of \$3,300 to remove the stumps and haul away put wood chips on gas line and spread top soil, rake and seed. After discussion a motion was made by Baker to have Landscape Plus remove the trees, grind stumps, put chips on gas line and fill holes with top soil and seed for \$2,400. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Since we have a contract from a forester perhaps he could look at some of the trees at the cemetery and cover this on the same contract as the Nature Trail. A motion was made by Baker to sign the contract with the forester for the Nature Trail and the Cemetery. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Wagar has inquired further about a security system at the township park. Price would be about \$6000.00 to put in a system that would serve the purpose that we need.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met with Milltown Electric about moving the light for the flag to the east side of the memorial. The water outlet will be moved behind the memorial. There are two headstones that need to be moved that now sit in the path not the actual plot. There will be a work bee at 8 a.m. on October 8th. If people come out to work at the cemetery and the park the township should pay them for their time. We need to find the lot lines to the new property and have them staked so we know where boundaries are located.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by member Stilts. The commission heard case PC-2008-05 for Mr. John Compton who wants to convert half of an existing garage into a guest house. This case has already been heard and decided on by the County Planning Commission prior to hearing by the township. After review by the township planning commission and being no objections the plan was approved. Black, Baker and Stults will attend the MTA Evening Planning and Zoning workshop.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker reported that the tank in Michaywe is now operational. Have not heard from Roemer Utility on the status of the Opal Lake Dry Hydrant.

Baker reported that Thunder Over Waters was a success. There will be a meeting on October 6, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

CONSTABLE REPORT

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported that the county is having budget meetings. There have been complaints about the property at 6288 Old 27 South being turned into a junk

yard. The county is looking into this matter and the Health Department is also involved. County treasurer Axford informed Backenstose that the burned out trailer in Arbutus Beach Highlands has been sold.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Planning member Black has received complaints about the condition of Timber Valley road in Michaywe becoming impassable. She was informed that the Road Commission has this and other roads in the Michaywe are on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township