

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, APRIL 16, 2009**

The regular monthly of the Otsego Lake Township board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2009 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present; Wagar, Baker, Brown, Jacobs and Markovich. Absent; Constable Brown. Also present six audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of last meeting as presented. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,049,970.99
Receipts	30,413.44
Disbursements	16,469.67
Ending Balance	\$1,063,914.76

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$712,567.88
Receipts	206.29
Disbursements	263,134.84
Ending Balance	\$263,134.84
	\$449,433.04

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$66,294.52
Receipts	42.95
Disbursements	12,181.03
Ending Balance	\$54,156.44

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$53,368.80
Receipts	31.73
Disbursements	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$37,661.73

A motion was made by Baker to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to sign the Summer Tax Agreement with Gaylord Community Schools. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to sign the Summer Tax Agreement with Crawford AuSable and COOR Intermediate Schools. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Discussed the seventeen outstanding vehicle emergency run charges that were billed by the treasurer to the individual's insurance carrier, but we have not received payment. Treasurer will file these cases with small claims court for collection.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were twelve runs since last meeting. The fire training this month is on pump operations and water shuttle. EMS training will be on patient assessment. Three members passed the classroom and practical portion of their firefighter class. Students were Josh Romstadt, Richard Wheeler and Billy Stiles. The wheel kit was installed on the rescue boggin which can now be used year round. There will be a fund raising dinner on May 9th at the fire hall. Times will be 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Need to contact Burnham & Flower for insurance coverage.

Discussion followed concerning the problem of the leaking roof at the fire hall. At present the most urgent problem is stopping the leaks in the roof. Baker is working on

this but we need to decide which course of action to take. Do we get a contractor to stop the leaks or do we get an engineer to redesign the building. For the time being Baker will get a contractor to look at the building to stop the leaks. Long term plans will be to work with an engineer to see about redesigning the roof and possible expansion of the fire hall.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$17,280.05, Fire Fund \$10,991.29, and Trash Fund of \$15,738.80. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT

Report presented by cemetery member Corfis. "Do not drink the water" signs have been ordered and will be installed at the cemetery. The pump house will be re-roofed and repainted in May. Information has been provided by Baker for retaining walls to the entrances at the cemetery. Pricing will be obtained and volunteers will be needed to complete this task. The property owners next to the cemetery have been served with papers to vacate the road to provide access to the land purchased at the rear of the cemetery.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by member Corfis. Reviewed minutes of last Planning Commission meeting. Stults report on County Planning Commission activities. The revised By-Laws will be presented to the township board for approval at the May meeting. They have been reviewed by the township attorney. There will be a joint meeting of the planning commission and the township board on Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. Purpose of the meeting is to implement master plans goals and objectives.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker has submitted the grant application for restrooms at the township park.

Brown reported that the next meeting of the Cemetery Committee will be May 7, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the township hall.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Board reviewed and signed the inspection reports.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose updated the board on some of the happenings at the county. As chairman of the county planning commission Mr. Stults was appointed to the County Parks and Recreation Board. There will be a meeting of the Bagley Township DDA to look into the feasibility of a moving the proposed trail to the west side of Old 27. This will still require railroad approval before anything can be done on the west side.

OLD BUSINESS

Only seven property owners have responded to the letter of approval to begin the process for a Special Assessment District in Michaywe.

Received letters from our attorney for questions posed by Mr. Stults concerning the compatibility of offices in the township. According to our attorney there is no incompatibility involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Wagar suggested that since it does not look like the special assessment may get enough yes votes we look at other road improvements in the Michaywe subdivision. Possibly repairing intersections. Perhaps we should contact Tom Deans of the county road commission about ditching to prevent road erosion.

A motion was made to purchase the Pontom Cemetery Program for the township. Cost for the data manager, integrated imaging and imaging would be \$3,201.00. This program would allow a more efficient method of keeping records for the cemetery. Will contact Pontom and get price quote in writing for next months meeting.

Corfis will check with other cemeteries to see what they charge for lots.

A motion was made by Baker to pay \$118.00 so there is a notary public at the township hall. The clerk has agreed to do this job. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township