

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, AUGUST 20, 2009**

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 16 audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,217,350.62
Receipts	27,993.10
Disbursements	158,877.25
Ending Balance	\$1,086,576.90

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$184,762.18
Receipts	2,210.83
Disbursements	5,059.12
Ending Balance	\$181,913.89

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 128,506.68
Receipts	83.87
Disbursements	16,088.80
Ending Balance	\$ 112,501.75

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,825.90
Receipts	438,623.81
Disbursements	208,844.58
Ending Balance	\$239,605.13

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been 19 runs since the last meeting. We have hired two new members. Permission was given by the board to have a truck in Thunder Over Waters and the Fireman's Memorial Parade in Roscommon. The Dry Hydrant is finished and working in Michaywe. Trustee Baker has contacted the Otsego County Road Commission about laying gravel to finish the project.

Eleven, "Request for Qualifications for Architectural/Engineering Services" for a construction project that may include remodeling or building a new fire hall, have been received for the board and fire chief to review. At this time Trustee Baker, an employee of Butcher & Associates, one of the companies responding to the request excused himself and left the room. All qualification requests were opened and after discussion it was decided that the board would review the qualification brochures on their own time and a special meeting will be set up and the number narrowed to 4 or 5 firms. Representatives from these firms will be invited to meet with board. Trustee Baker then returned to the meeting.

A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$19,703.34, Fire Fund \$18,595.17, and Trash Fund of \$15,738.80. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TRASH BIDS

The special assessment for township wide trash collection is up at the end of December 2009. We have sent letters for bids to American Waste, Waste Management, Republic and Arrow Sanitation. We have received sealed bids from Waste Management and American Waste. Bids were opened and are as follow:

Waste Management: Year one through three; \$7.99/month
 Year four; \$8.23/month
 Year five; \$8.48 per month

American Waste: Year one through three; \$7.00/month
 Year four; \$7.20/month
 Year five; \$7.40/month

Both companies included a fuel surcharge. American Waste for diesel fuel exceeding \$3.75 a gallon and Waste Management if diesel fuel exceeds \$3.00 or more. After hearing from representatives from both companies a motion was made by Brown to accept the bid from American Waste. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. At the present time we are not considering including recycling. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to adopt Resolution No. 1 Regarding Special Assessment District No. 1 causing plans be prepared for township wide trash collection and setting the date of the first public hearing on September 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote; Baker, aye; Jacobs, aye; Wagar, aye; Markovich, aye; and Brown, aye. Motion to adopt resolution carried.

After a Public Hearing to establish an Industrial Development District for the Glen Catt property, a resolution was read to establish the district. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Wagar, aye; Jacobs, aye; Baker, aye; Markovich, aye; and Brown, aye. Motion to adopt resolution passed.

In an effort to improve our township web site a presentation was set up by Trustee Baker and township resident Alexander. Ideas would be appreciated for improving the use of the web site and adding more information that would be more informative and useful to the public.

CEMETERY REPORT

Report given by committee member Brown. Landscape Plus will be working on moving the entry stones at the cemetery entrances beginning August 24th. A resolution has been received from our attorney and was read into the record by the clerk to relinquish any

jurisdiction that the Township may have over property within the Plat of the Village of Otsego Lake. Motion to adopt resolution was made by Brown and seconded by Markovich. Roll call vote: Brown, aye; Markovich, aye; Wagar, aye; Jacobs, aye; and Baker, aye. Motion to adopt resolution carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by member Corfis. Reviewed minutes of last meeting and discussed the new LED message signs around the county. Would the township board be interested in having the Planning Commission work on pursuing an ordinance banning them in our township? If the planning commission feels they would like to do this it would be all right with the board.

CONSTABLES REPORT

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose discussed some of the happenings at the county level.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP.

Trustee Brown commended the work of the committees for the Thunder Over Waters Festival that will take place on September 6th. Craft booth applications have to be in at least two days before the festival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Next regular meeting will begin with a hearing for the Fire Department Special Assessment at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. the public hearing for the Special Assessment for Township Wide Trash Collection will be held. The regular meeting will begin after public hearing.

Lorraine Markovich, clerk
Otsego Lake Township