

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and seven audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of last meeting, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,065,150.07
Receipts	28,497.47
Disbursements	23,266.85
Ending Balance	\$1,070,380.69

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$62,103.92
Receipts	21.16
Disbursements	15,843.80
Ending Balance	\$46,281.28

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 148,026.60
Receipts	468.59
Disbursements	\$ 3,065.94
Ending Balance	\$ 145,429.25

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$21,475.62
Receipts	25,526.05
Disbursements	27,918.02
Ending Balance	\$19,083.65

A motion was made by Markovich to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Brown to relinquish the townships right to lot 69-091-310-000-151-00, lot 151 in Michaywe to Otsego County due to non payment of property taxes. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 21 runs since last meeting. The annual After Holidays Party is scheduled for January 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Board members are invited. Fire training was search and rescue on the Quad at the township nature trail. Four department members are enrolled in the FFI and FFII class at the county. The cost for this class is \$450.00 each for a total of \$1,800.00. A motion was made by Brown to approve payment for this class. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. The Community Dinner/Tree Lighting Ceremony was enjoyed by all. Shelly thanked everyone for their help and for attending.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Presented a split by Paul Fraley on Sherman Road for board signatures. Trustee Baker asked if it would be possible to combine the township park property into one parcel. Assessor will look into the request. Tax bills should go down some this year.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund of \$19,565.53, Fire Fund \$16,495.75 and Trash Fund \$15,738.80. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

Township resident Black explained the nonprofit organization, Friends of Waters; she has started for the purpose of offering activities such as card games, exercise or any other activities of interest to residents of the township. The organization would like to use the township hall for some of the activities, but at the present cannot afford to pay the standard rental fee and would like to ask the board to waive the \$15.00 fee. They plan to ask for donations at these activities and would donate a third of the donations to the township in lieu of paying the \$15.00 rental fee. Clerk will consult with our attorney on this and the organization. A motion was made by Brown to allow Friends of Waters to donate a third of the donations up to \$15.00 to the township with the approval of our attorney. Also, there is to be no money given out as prizes for card games or other functions. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

Wagar has received correspondence from the Otsego County Road Commission on possible road construction for 2011 for West Otsego Lake Drive. They have received 375,000 in funds for this project. The estimated cost of construction is \$570,000 and they are asking the township to contribute towards this project. They plan to reconstruct Mancelona Road from Hayes Tower to Passenheim Road in 2010. We are also being asked to contribute towards this project. Also, heard from members of Michaywe Road Committee concerning possible road repairs in the subdivision. They plan to approach the residents to see if there is interest in setting up a Special Assessment District for road work.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Brown reported on the cemetery software that has been installed on computers at the clerk's and the office assistants computer. Data is presently being loaded into the program.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning member Black who reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Stilts reported on Otsego County Planning activities. The commission worked on the 2009 annual report to the board and the Draft Interchange Zoning District.

There will be a zoning class conducted at our township hall on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$85.00 per township. All board members are encouraged to attend.

CONSTRABLES REPORT

Every thing checked out during the last monthly inspections. Board reviewed reports.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Brown to sign the new contract with American Waste for township wide trash pickup for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Waters Business Group suggests that the township approach Cecelia Scottie about purchasing, or asking her to donate property that she owns in front of her residence on Old US 27 South. They would like to create a town center with a gazebo and benches. A township resident suggested that we deal with the Trading Post before continuing with other improvements in the township.

All correspondence read and acted upon. Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on January 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, clerk