

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

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. All board members present and five audience members. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, and the special meeting held on February 10, 2009. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,065,332.86
Receipts	32,562.18
Disbursements	21,542.03
Ending Balance	\$1,076,353.01

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$650,799.39
Receipts	553,179.13
Disbursements	860,900.23
Ending Balance	\$343,078.29

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 96,022.22
Receipts	544.09
Disbursements	17,297.16
Ending Balance	\$ 79,269.15

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 38,955.68
Receipts	23.31
Disbursements	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$ 23,240.20

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to move three months of the trash assessment from the tax account to the trash fund due to the difference in fiscal year dates. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 21 runs during the last month. We have hired a new fire fighter, Jeremy Carey. Fire training this month was on fire investigation and fire scene preservation. Conducted fit testing for air pac masks. There will be an EMT class beginning in March and ending in June at the Frederic Fire Department. Cost will be approximately \$150 to 175 per person.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$27,968.78, Fire Fund \$15,267.41, and Trash Fund \$15,738.80. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Assessor Lindroth presented a split by James Cook for board signatures.

PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by member Markovich. Park committee worked on items to be included in the next year's budget. Would like to do some improvements to the baseball diamond, replace some picnic tables, install a basketball court, and include some funding for the non-motorized pathway and the nature trail.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by M. Black, planning member. The committee worked on the road policy for Otsego Lake Township. Received communication from Joe Ferrigan, Otsego County Land Use Director on the Guthrie Bridge construction request. Also heard a brief presentation by Attorney Delaney, representing Bradford Scott Corp. This case will be heard at the Count Planning Commission on February 23, 2009.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Baker is looking into getting plans, costs, and names of contractors to reroof the fire department. Also, checking into possibilities of using the road right of way for the non-motorized trail instead of the railroad right of way. Need to discuss this with the County Road Commission when we meet with them on February 23rd.

Trustee Brown will not be at the next Fire Department meeting. Commended our fire chief for participating in the Polar Plunge on Otsego Lake.

CONSTABLES REPORT

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on some of the improvements being done at the county building and grounds. The county will loan money for the purchase of a truck to pull a trailer to 911.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed the dredging of the boat launch at the county park. Baker has checked with MTA and their opinion is that this may be a legal expenditure. They have a grant but are asking townships to contribute to uncovered costs associated with the dredging.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Next meeting will be held on March 19, 2009 and begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Budget Hearing and at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

