

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. on January 15, 2009 with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and eleven audience members. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,084,587.25
Receipts	735.93
Disbursements	20,732.82
Ending Balance	\$1,065,332.85

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 34,772.37
Receipts	754,726.96
Disbursements	138,699.94
Ending Balance	\$650,799.39

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 122,461.11
Receipts	853.81
Disbursements	27,292.70
Ending Balance	\$ 96,022.22

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 54,196.01
Receipts	45.98
Disbursements	15,286.30
Ending Balance	\$ 38,955.69

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been fourteen runs since last month. The annual After Holidays party will be this Saturday at the fire hall. All board members are invited. The fire training for this month will be with the Frederic Fire Department on ORV rescues. The new dry hydrant at Section One Lake in Guthrie was tested and is working fine despite the very cold temperatures. A letter needs to be sent to DEQ advising them that the well is working satisfactorily.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$21,227.88, Fire Fund of 416,963.25, and Trash Fund \$15,738.80. Motion carried.

The board heard a presentation from Richard Gardner, chairman of the Michaywe Road Committee. The purpose of this committee is to review the roads in Michaywe and work towards a long range goal to improve the roads. They would like to see a three way partnership between the residents, the Otsego Lake Township Board, and the Otsego County Road Commission. Mike Roper of the county road commission was also present during the presentation. They are asking the board to consider a ten year special

assessment for the 29 residents of Timer Valley Road. The estimated cost to residents would \$105.00 per year, which would raise \$30,450 over the ten years. Estimated cost of the project would be \$125,000. They are asking the township and road commission to each pay a half of the remaining \$95,000 for improving the road. After discussion it was agreed that we need a policy in place before we enter into any agreement for improving roads, including a special assessment district. A motion was made by Brown to move forward and set a policy for any special assessments for road improvement and to talk to our planning commission and get a policy drawn up before we make any decisions on road improvements. Motion seconded by Baker, and carried.

Wagar read a letter from the county road commission and heard from Mr. Roper concerning our help in paying for an upcoming road project on Mancelona Road. In 2010 the road commission will be completely rebuilding Mancelona Road from Hayes Tower to Passenheim. They would like our support in funding the next phase on Mancelona from Passenheim Road to W. Otsego Lake Road. This would not occur until 2011 or later.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Baker to increase our insurance values on the Township Hall to \$750,000 and \$850,000 for the Fire Hall. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Baker spoke to John Burt, County Administrator, concerning our dissatisfaction with the contract for Planning & Zoning that we had signed. A new revised contract was presented to the board that we feel covers our intentions more than the original contract. A motion was made by Baker to accept the new contract. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by M. Brown. Worked on items for the new budget year. The next meeting will be April 2, 2009.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning member R. Gregg who briefly reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

There will be a meeting on January 19th at the County Building to go over the proposed ORV ordinance.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Brown commended Chief Shelly on recruiting new members, many of whom are already trained for the fire department. The After Holidays Party was great.

CONSTABLE REPORT

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

There are two new county commissioners. The commissioners are getting organized. Ken Glasser is the new representative for the Otsego County Township Officers Organization.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township