

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, JULY 16, 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. Board members present Wagar, Markovich, Jacobs and Brown. Absent Baker and Constable Brown. Also present seven audience members. A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of last regular meeting and Special Meeting of June 30, 2009. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,043,927.28
Receipts	193,919.39
Disbursements	20,496.05
Ending Balance	\$1,217,350.62

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$150,915.01
Receipts	43,188.87
Disbursements	184,277.98
Ending Balance	\$ 9,825.90

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$191,524.49
Receipts	1,554.48
Disbursements	8,316.79
Ending Balance	\$184,762.18

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$144,147.86
Receipts	97.62
Disbursements	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$128,506.68

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report given by Chief Shelly. There have been 14 runs since last meeting. The Assistant Chief has moved to another state and Dale Tucker has been chosen by the department to assume the duties of the assistant chief. A motion was made by Brown to approve the appointment of Tucker as assistant chief. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. The EMS training this month will be water rescue conducted on Otsego Lake. A dormer for the south entrance was donated by the Johannesburg School wood shop. A motion was made by Brown to approve up to \$500.00 to have a licensed contractor install the dormer. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried. The township has been approached by Goosman to approve the Fire Works Permit for Thunder Over Waters. A motion was made by Brown to allow the Supervisor Wagar to sign the permit. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. Wagar was approached by Goosman, owner of the Trading Post to allow our fire department to burn down the building for training purposes. After discussion it was decided that we will not use the building for training purposes at this time.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$32,777.16, Fire fund \$4,917.71, and Trash Fund of \$16,088.80. Motion seconded by Jacobs and carried.

Karyn Warsaw gave a presentation on Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Act (TIGER), which was signed by the President in February 2009 and involves \$1.5 billion in discretionary grants to be awarded by the Department of Transportation to be used for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs to pass a Resolution of Support from Otsego Lake Township to support the City of Gaylord, and the Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding to help solve traffic congestion along the I/75 corridor. Roll call vote; Ayes, Jacobs, Wagar, Brown and Markovich. Nays – none. Absent Baker, motion to adopt the Resolution of Support carried.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report given by member Markovich. The committee met at the park on July 8<sup>th</sup>. A decision was made on the area to build the basketball court and move the backstop and bases for the baseball diamond. The picnic tables should be in soon, cost will be approximately \$2,868 plus 200 more for having Otsego Lake Township engraved on the top. The committee received a letter of resignation from member Ann Wagar and would like to fill the position. Resident Donald Tubbs attended a meeting recently and expressed interest in being on the committee. A motion was made by Brown to approve the appointment of Tubbs to fill the position, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

#### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Report presented by member Brown. Committee has contacted Landscape Plus about moving the retaining wall that is too close to the road. Bid received from Landscape Plus for \$2000.00 to move and redo the retaining wall. A motion was made by Jacobs to approve the bid as presented. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by member Corfis. This was a joint meeting of the township planning commission and the township board. Updates presented on County Planning commission activities and reviewed master plan goals and objectives. Treasure Jacobs has been working to collect the fire charges for accidents in the township. Would there be a way that some of the fees could be adjusted. This is something that should be discussed with our township attorney. Jacobs will contact our attorney to get his opinion.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Brown presented the report for Baker in his absence. The subject of security cameras was a concern due to recent vandalism of the porta john at the park. The dry

hydrant at Opal Lake will be finished next week. A motion was made by Markovich to publish the Request for Qualifications for Architectural/Engineering Services for a construction project that may include construction of an addition, renovation to the existing fire department or the construction of a new facility on a different site. The notice will be sent for publication to the Gaylord Herald Times, Traverse City Record Eagle, and the Petoskey News Review. Seconded by Jacobs, motion to publish carried.

The Otsego County Road Commission has submitted a bid to tar and chip Pheasant Run in Michaywe for \$26,320.00. A motion was made by Jacobs to contract with the road commission for the agreed upon price, seconded by Markovich, motion carried. Wagar will check into other roads in the township that also need improving.

Wagar reported on the results of the assessment audit conducted by the State of Michigan for our assessor.

#### CONSTABLES REPORT

Reports reviewed by the board.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Report given by Commissioner Backenstose on happenings at the county level.

Jeff Radcliffe, Otsego County Economic Alliance director would like to establish an Industrial Development District for the Glens Market Building. A publish hearing would have to be held before we could go about establishing the district. Notice will be published in the Herald Times and the hearing will be scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> which is our next regular township board meeting.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk  
Otsego Lake Township