

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the township board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and eight audience members. A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of last meeting. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,043,927.28
Revenues	29,966.75
Expenditures	43,553.50
Ending Balance	\$1,043,927.28

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$204,375.61
Revenues	230.32
Expenditures	13,081.44
Ending Balance	\$191,524.49

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 159,780.53
Revenues	106.13
Expenditures	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$ 144,147.86

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$150,983.29
Revenues	142.82
Expenditures	211.10
Ending Balance	\$150,915.01

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurers as read. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been seventeen runs since the last report. Carey and Gunsell have passed their EMT class and will now take the national test. Romstadt, Stiles and Wheeler have passed their FF-1 and FF-2 class. The board gave permission to have two vehicles participate in the Alpenfest Parade in Gaylord.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$18,393.95, Fire Fund \$8,216.99 and Trash Fund \$15,738.80. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report presented by committee chair Wohlfeil. Repairs to the baseball diamond at the park should be completed by July 4th. Per advice from the forester we will be redoing the markers and putting up a few nesting boxes/bird houses. Discussed building a half court basketball sight at the park. A motion was made by Markovich to have Steve Wohlfeil erect six regular and two handicap picnic tables at the park. Cost to be around \$375 for the regular tables and \$400 for the handicap tables. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT

Reported by member Corfis. Thanks to everyone who worked on the retaining wall at the west entrance to the cemetery. We have received notice from the road commission that it is too close to the road and must be moved. Baker will work with the road commission to try and come up with a compromise. There are problems with ants and trash that need to be taken care of. Clerk will contact our grounds provider and have him take care of these issues. Our attorney is still working on vacating the road at the cemetery. Discussed purchasing a computer program from Pontom Software that would allow us to keep records of burials, print deeds and assist in mapping out the cemetery. The price for the complete program is \$3,201.00. There is a question on the price of the annual support which is \$738.00 per year 12 months after purchase. Before making any decisions clerk will contact Pontom to see if we must purchase the support.

TRUSTEES

Brown received an e-mail from MTA about grant monies that are available to fire departments for remodeling or constructing fire stations. Before we can apply for any grants we need to have an architect draw up plans for any future changes we would need done either in remodeling or building a new station. A motion was made by Brown to request architectural services for design options for the fire department building. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

Baker reported that the dry well at Opal Lake is not operational as yet. The repair of the roof at the fire hall should be starting around July 1st. Discussed the web site for the township and the convenience in looking up specific information. Baker will report on hits to the site at the next meeting.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed inspections reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose informed the board and audience about a food give away for those in need of assistance. It will be held on Monday, June 22nd at Ace Hardware in Gaylord. Anyone knowing of those that this would benefit let them know about this program. Backenstose visited the building that was constructed t house native plants and also the gardens. If you haven't seen this it is a trip worth taking.

Old Business

Township resident questioned status of the Trading Post building. It is not considered a hazardous building and further action can not be taken at this time. Also expressed displeasure with the ORV Ordinance. Resident also questioned opportunities to for the

Catt building that is for sale and the possibility of splitting the building to generate more interest in getting a vacant building productive and used again.

NEW BUSINESS

Wagar has been in contact with the county road commission and the Michaywe road board for the purpose of doing something to improve the roads in Michaywe. A proposal was presented to the township by the county road commission for tarring and chipping Pheasant Run for \$26,320 and Foothills Trail for \$14,580. The total expenditure of this proposal is \$40,900. After discussion no decision was reached by the board at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township