

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET HEARING AND MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2009**

The budget hearing for the fiscal year 2009-10 was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 6:30 p.m. All board members present and two audience members. Budget was reviewed and comments heard from the audience. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. All board members present and two audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve minutes of the last meeting as presented and the minutes of special meeting of March 10, 2009, with correction. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURE'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,076,353.01
Receipts	555.72
Disbursements	29,645.28
Ending Balance	\$1,047,263.45

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$79,269.15
Receipts	2,347.78
Disbursements	15,322.41
Ending Balance	\$66,294.52

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 343,078.29
Receipts	965,526.22
Disbursements	596,036.63
Ending Balance	\$ 712,567.88

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$23,240.20
Receipts	45,867.40
Disbursements	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$53,368.80

A motion was made by Baker to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Brown, motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown to adopt the budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010, by cost center. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

A motion to adopt the resolution to set the salary of the supervisor at \$18,695.00 was made by Baker and seconded by Brown. Roll call vote: All ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. A motion to adopt the resolution to set the salary of the Clerk at \$25,517.00 was made by Brown and seconded by Baker. Roll call vote; all ayes. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Markovich to adopt a resolution to set the salary of the Treasurer at \$25,517.00. Roll call vote; all ayes. A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Markovich to set the salaries of the township trustees at \$3,775.00 each. Roll call vote; all ayes. A resolution was read to set the salary and compensations of all other township employees and boards. A motion was made by

Baker to adopt the FY2009-2010 salary resolution for all other officials. Roll call vote; all ayes.

A motion was made by Brown to approve the Assessor's contract for the fiscal year April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 19 runs since last month meeting. We have hired two new firefighters, Jordan Gunsel, who is present and was introduced to the board, and Christina Davison. Fire training this month was on H2s gas. There are three members attending an EMT class in Crawford County. Fire member Sensabaugh has passed his EMT class for both State and National levels. A fund raiser is tentatively scheduled for May 9th at the fire hall between 5 and 8 p.m.

A motion was made by Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$16,164.14, Fire Fund \$11,969.33, and Trash Fund of \$15, 738.80. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

PLANNING COMISSION REPORT

Report given by Chair Stults. Reviewed minutes of last planning commission meeting. Received a letter of resignation from Daniel Yale and recommended to the board that alternate member Russell Gregg be appointed to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by the resignation of Dan Yale. Also, recommended to the board that Susan LaVanway be appointed to fill the remainder of Greggs term as alternate member. A motion was made by Baker to accept the resignation of Yale and to appoint alternate member Gregg to fill the remainder of the term of Yale that ends on December 31, 2010, seconded by Markovich, motion carried. A motion was made by Baker to appoint LaVanWay to fill the remainder of the alternate position which will expire at the end of December 2009. Motion seconded by Brown and carried. Stults reported that the bridge in Guthrie Lakes has been tabled until a new site plan can be submitted.

CEMETERY REPORT

Wagar has signed the order to go to court to have the alley way vacated at the cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

The ORV Ordinance was discussed at this weeks Otsego County Township Officers Association meeting. The county has asked the townships to either approve the ordinance or to vote to designate what roads they would like closed to ORV's. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Baker to close all primary and county local roads in the township to ORV's. Seconded by Jacobs. Roll call vote; Baker, aye; Jacobs, aye; Wagar, no; Markovich, aye; and Brown, no. Motion to close primary and local county roads to ORV's carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Brown reported that she has checked with Michigan Township Association on setting grids for township officials salaries. The salary of an elected official cannot be lowered during their term in office. If the township wishes to lower the salary of a new official it must be set before they are elected to office.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESTROOM AT PARK

A public hearing was held to gather input for a proposed new handicap accessible restroom at the Otsego Lake Township Park. Trustee Baker distributed plans for a restroom facility at the park. Members of the public at the meeting and thru correspondence expressed concern about vandalism. The building would be constructed out of masonry and would be as vandal resistant as possible, including door locks with timers. The grant is based on points depending on the amount of funds the township would provide. The estimated cost of construction for 2010 would be \$155,000 plus estimated engineering costs of approximately \$6,000. After discussion and explanation of the grant procedures a motion was made by Brown to get the boards approval to apply for the grant for a proposed new handicap accessible restroom facility at the Otsego Lake Township Park and to allow Trustee Baker to move forward with the application to contribute 26% toward the construction cost of \$155,000 and estimated \$6,000 in engineering costs for the restroom at the park. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

Wagar reported that he has sent a letter to the Michaywe residents who live on Timber Valley asking them to vote if they are in favor of a Special Assessment District for road construction on Timber Valley.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Township resident Stults again expressed his displeasure at the way the Board of Review was conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on April 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township