

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, MAY 21, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and approximately 50 to 60 audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of last meeting with a correction to treasurer's report ending balance in the tax account. Balance should be \$449,433.04. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,063,914.76
Receipts	11,280.89
Disbursements	17,681.62
Ending Balance	\$1,057,514.03

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$449,639.33
Receipts	404.67
Disbursements	229,060.71
Ending Balance	\$150,983.29

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 54,156.44
Receipts	161,265.46
Disbursements	11,046.29
Ending Balance	\$ 204,375.61

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 37,661.73
Receipts	137,857.60
Disbursements	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$159,780.53

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been 21 runs since last month. The fundraising dinner was a success. We served approximately 50 people. Have not received the results of the FF class test scores. One student is enrolled in the EMT class in Gaylord. The radiator on our main pumper (unit 504) is in need of a new radiator, cost will be around \$2,000 and will be down for four days. The dry hydrant in Michaywe will be finished in one to two weeks. We currently have a 2-mile dual response with the Otsego County Fire Department and would like to propose a similar policy for structure fires with the Frederic Township Fire Department. A motion was made by Brown to approve the dual dispatch policy with Frederic Township Fire Department. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown to approve paying the bill for the purchase of replacement turnout gear for the fire department in the amount of \$4,758.20. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

Motion made by Brown to approve payment of bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$42,582.28, Fire Fund \$13,081.44, and Trash Fund of \$15,738.80. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report presented by Wohlfeil. Discussed improving the baseball diamond, replacing some of the picnic tables as they are deteriorating, went over the forester plan, suggestion to blow leaves on nature trail and put down wood chips, need to get bids on the chips. Also, to fence the gas well on the property. Spring clean up will be May 30th at the park. A bid to update and improve the baseball diamond has been received from Landscape Plus in the amount of \$6,800. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Jacobs, to have Landscape Plus complete the work on the baseball diamond as bid. Motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT

Report presented by M. Brown. The survey for the cemetery has been completed, "Not for Drinking" signs are ready to be installed. The retaining wall will be installed, (weather permitting) on June 6th at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are welcome. The water outlet will be moved to the back of the flag pole by Ken Newman. The committee will be meeting with Cemetery Planners in July.

Jeff Radcliff addressed the board concerning the vacant Glenn's Distribution Center. They are working to try and get the space rented.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning member Black. Minutes of the meeting were discussed. The draft of the new By-Laws has been reviewed by our attorney. He recommended two changes, which have been made and the By-Laws are ready to be adopted by the township board. A motion was made by Baker to accept the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission By-Laws as presented. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. The next meeting of the planning commission will be a joint meeting with the township board for the purposes of implementation of the Master Plans Goals and Objectives. It will be held on June 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Township hall.

Ed Doss of the Waters Business Group asked that the township and the business group share in the expenses of purchasing hanging plants for the light poles in Waters. They are asking the township to pay for the cost of the plants which will be \$450. The business group will cover all other expenses and take care of watering and fertilizing the plants as needed. A motion was made by Brown to pay \$450 for the plants, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

ORV ORDINANCE

Comments were heard from approximately 50 community members in regards to the proposed ORV ordinance. Scott Bicknell, owner of Waters Inn proposed opening Old US 27 South, Marlette Rd, Old State Rd/Mancelona Rd, Sherman Rd and Passenheim Rd to ORV travel. After discussion a motion to rescind the original vote closing all roads in Otsego Lake Township to ORV travel was made by Brown and seconded by Wagar, ayes, Brown, Markovich, Wagar and Jacobs, nay, Baker. Motion to rescind carried. A motion was then made by Brown to open the following roads to ORV travel; Old US 27, Old State Rd/Mancelona Rd, Marlette Rd, Sherman Rd, and Viking Trail in place of Passenheim Rd and to review in a year as necessary as stated in the ordinance. Seconded by Jacobs. Nays, Baker. Ayes, Jacobs, Wagar, Markovich and Wagar. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Baker has contacted Alpine Roofing about repairing and reroofing the front middle lower section at the fire hall. He has submitted a price of \$4,850 to complete the job. A motion was made by Brown to accept the bid by Alpine Roofing of \$4,850. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. As reported earlier the dry hydrant at Opal Lake is nearing completion. The tank site on Michaywe Drive needs some landscaping. Was this not covered in the contract? Clerk will check and report back.

OLD BUSINESS

Wagar has received a bid from the County Road Commission to pave the shoulder on Old 27 from Sandy St to Memorial Drive. The cost they have quoted is \$24,970. This seems to be extremely high. Wagar will check with the road commission on this cost.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Stults reported that the county planning commission has approved the site plan for the Bradford Scott Bridge Project at Guthrie Lakes.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

