

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present; Wagar, Jacobs, Baker and Brown. Absent; Markovich and Constable Brown. A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting with a correction to the ending balance in the Fire Fund. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,061,694.61
Receipts	32,435.27
Distribution	28,979.81
Ending Balance	\$1,065,150.07

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 156,862.05
Receipts	469.25
Distribution	9,304.70
Ending Balance	\$ 148,026.60

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 79,543.93
Receipts	33.93
Distribution	17,473.94
Ending Balance	\$ 62,103.92

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$1,800,868.38
Receipts	55,594.60
Distribution	1,834,987.36
Ending Balance	\$ 21,475.62

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 15 runs since last month. The fire department will be working with Waters Business Group to put on a community dinner/tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. Eight members attended a gas pipeline safety dinner and some of our members toured the gas plant on Old State Road. Two members will be doing an EMS classroom practical test this Saturday and two members have passed the classroom portion of their MFR class. Shelly attended a Recruitment and Retention class put on by Michigan Township Association. Very interesting class, some of the ideas presented were very good.

We have received the cost proposal for the architectural work for Phase one, parts 1 and 2 for the Fire Department project from Butcher & Associates. The proposed cost is 6,800. A motion was made by Brown to accept the phase one proposal presented by Butcher & Associates for the fee not to exceed \$6,800. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$22,928.39, Fire Fund \$2,813.70, and Trash Fund of 15,843.80. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

Ed Doss, representing the Waters Business Group reported on the Community Dinner and Tree Lighting Ceremony they are hosting with the Fire Department. The street lights have been decorated by Twigs and Bloom and look very good. Also reported on the Otsego County Tax Payers for Accurate Assessments. This group feels that the SEV is too high, especially on commercial property. They are hoping to come to some agreement with the Equalization Department and the local assessors. Doss wanted to let the township know that he is involved with this movement and invites anyone to contact him if they have questions on this subject.

#### CEMETERY REPORT

Report presented by committee member Pallarito. At the last meeting they worked on their budget for next fiscal year. Alpine Fence has been contacted for a cost estimate for the proposed fence along the east side of the cemetery. Pallarito attended a cemetery class put on by MTA. Found the class to be very informative and brought back many ideas to discuss at future cemetery meetings.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by member Corfis. Otsego County Planning Commission member Stults updated the commission on activities at the county level. They have begun work on the annual report to the township board. Planning member Boerema has expressed her desire to resign from the commission. Her term ends December 31, 2009. There are presently two alternate members serving on the commission. A motion was made by Jacobs to appoint Nora Corfis and Susan LaVanway to fill the position that begin on January 1, 2010 and end on December 31, 2012. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Planning chair Stults suggested that we do not fill the alternate positions at this time as the Zoning Enabling Act does not provide for alternate positions.

Wagar discussed the proposed County Wide Zoning, which was brought up at the last Otsego County Township Officers Association meeting. The proposed costs were discussed. It is expensive, especially for the larger townships. Mary HeideIman has offered to teach a crash course in zoning if there are enough interested people from Otsego County. The cost for her to conduct this class would be split among the nine townships. There is presently a class scheduled that will be taught by her in Alpena on December 3, 2009. Unless the nine townships agree to pay their allotted cost for zoning the county will not be doing zoning cases.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

Baker E-mailed the board changes he has made to the township web site, and would like the boards input.

## CONSTABLE REPORT

Report given by Trustee Brown in the absence of the constable. Everything checked out during monthly inspections. The Parkside Store is now under new ownership. The liquor license is in the process of being transferred to Dolores Ancona. The Michaywe Golf Course is now closed for the season.

## COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by Commissioner Backenstose. The county is working on the 2010 budget. There will be a meeting on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Capital Improvement Plan. Stults explained that the Parks and Recreation, library and the Sportsplex all operate under a county voted millage. If at some time the millage is not renewed that would effect their operations.

## COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next regular meeting will be December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.