

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES APRIL 15, 2010**

The 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. All board members present and six audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting with a correction to the receipts for the General Fund treasurer's report. Seconded by Jacobs. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,287,687.67
Receipts	54,759.96
Disbursements	16,423.33
Ending Balance	\$1,326,024.30

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$304,201.65
Receipts	6,377.95
Disbursements	182,169.87
Ending Balance	\$128,409.73

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 189,367.36
Receipts	408.63
Disbursements	10,002.72
Ending Balance	\$ 179,773.27

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 98,356.62
Receipts	38.18
Disbursements	15,092.00
Ending Balance	\$ 83,302.80

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. Discussed the wording of the fire charges ordinance for vehicles involved in accidents in our township. Do we want to change the wording of the ordinance as it pertains to multiple vehicles and how we charge in those accidents? After discussion it was decided to think about it and bring it up again at our next meeting. In the mean time Wagar will talk to our attorney to get his opinion of what to do in these situations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been 13 runs since last meeting. We had 2 missed calls. Our average time on route was 4.6 minutes. The department conducted a pre-incident walk through at the Weather Station. The air packs have all passed flo testing and inspections. The pump was replaced on the DNR vehicle. We have one new hire, Jesse Houchin, he has past fire fighting experience.

Dennis Lennox, a candidate for the State House seat currently held by Kevin Elsenheimer who cannot run because of term limits, addressed the board and the audience.

A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$16,560.44, Fire Fund \$8,287.19, and the Trash Fund \$15,092.00. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

The windows at the township hall have not been cleaned in at least sixteen years and are badly in need of a cleaning. A bid has been received from Top Notch Services, Linda Janssens, manager. The bid includes cleaning all windows, doors, screens and window sills for \$882.00. Bids will be requested from McLeod Window Cleaning Service and Maid Pro. A motion was made by Markovich to get additional bids to have the windows cleaned and go ahead and have them done but not to exceed \$882.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report presented by member Markovich. Plants, shrubs and trees have been ordered from the Conservation District and will be picked up on April 24th. We are looking for volunteers to help plant on Saturday, May 1st at the township park. We will be getting some help from the sheriffs work crew at a cost of \$20 per day per person. A bid has been received from RPM Construction to build a vault toilet with privacy screen for the park. The cost to build, get permits and install one facility is \$15,985.00. Included in this cost is a stainless steel base for the toilet. If we go with plastic it would be \$1,000 less. He would build and install a second vault toilet for \$10,000.00. The committee is waiting on a bid from J.C. Miliken and looking to get another bid before deciding on a company to do the work. The proposed sight would be on the east side by the split rail fence and south of the path to the Nature Trail. We will meet Sunday, April 18th to do a walk through of the Nature Trail to determine where to plant the trees and shrubs and where exactly we would like the vault toilet.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Report presented by member Brown. New officers for 2010 are Denise Pallarito, Chairperson, Mary Brown, Vice Chairperson, and Nora Corfis, Secretary. A motion was made by Brown to hire Stuckman Tree Service to trim, chip and haul away debris from the trees at the cemetery for \$1,500.00. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A bid of \$2,500 has been received from Alpine Fence to extend the fence on the east side once the trees have been removed in that area. A motion was made by Brown to hire Alpine Fence for \$2,500.00, seconded by Markovich, motion carried. A motion was made by Brown to hire Gary Mumford to redo and touch up some of the lettering on the cemetery sign for \$452.00. Second Jacobs, motion carried. The committee will be getting price comparisons form other cemeteries and eventually looking into raising the price of lots sold at the cemetery.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Report presented by member Baker. Baker reported to the planning commission on township activities and Stults reported on happenings at the county. Work continued on

the Draft Interchange Zoning district Language. The township board was asked if they would prefer the format changed for presenting the monthly report to them by the planning commission.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Brown attended a TGA class put on by MTA. The special project she will be undertaking for this program will be compiling all Policies and Procedures for Otsego Lake Township. Trustee Baker reported that the new web site is up and running.

Fire Department bids and proposals for the remodeling, updating of the fire hall were reviewed. We do want to try for grant monies and look into finding a grant writer. We have three site plans to consider. The first will bring the size of the building to 1,857 square feet and cost \$359,325. Plan B is 3456 square feet and cost is \$835,142. The last plan would bring the square feet to 10,338 and cost \$1,000,779.00. For grant purposes we need to decide on a site plan. After discussion the board opted for plan B. Brown will contact MTA for names of grant writers and assistance in seeking grants.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Inspection reports were reviewed by the board. Everything checked out during the inspections. The Parkside Store still does not have a liquor license.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

There is some property in Arbutus Beach Highlands that was sold for non payment of taxes that had a trailer that had burned. It was never cleaned up before being sold and is now a danger. Can it be cleaned up at the new owner's expense and the cost applied as a lien to their taxes? Wagar will check with our attorney to see if the township can legally do this.

OLD BUSINESS

The Trading Post has a rear window that has been broken allowing access to the building. Wagar did speak to the owner and will check to be sure that it is boarded up.

The copier lease at the township is now up. We are would like to look into a new and faster copier, possibly with more options. Wagar will contact Mr. DeLong of Dunn's Office Supply and have him contact Jacobs and Markovich with information on copiers.

NEW BUSINESS

We have received a new contract from the Land Use Administration to allow the county to continue administering planning, zoning and zoning administration and enforcement. A motion was made by Brown to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract with

Otsego County Land Use Services Administration for Planning and Zoning for a cost of \$7,000 in 2011 and \$7,210 in 2012. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

Treasurer Jacobs reported that Fifth Third Bank no longer offers a Lug Account. We will need to look for another financial institution to deposit these funds. After discussion it was decided that these monies should be put into two accounts and if possible find a four star rated financial institution.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 20th at 7:00 p.m.