

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, JANUARY 21, 2010**

Regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and three audience members. A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,070,380.69
Receipts	20,281.98
Expenditures	19,660.53
Ending Balance	\$1,071,002.14

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 46,281.28
Receipts	14.39
Expenditures	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$ 30,556.87

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$ 19,083.65
Receipts	921,268.20
Expenditures	285,965.75
Ending Balance	\$ 654,386.10

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$145,429.25
Receipts	82.45
Expenditures	17,462.62
Ending Balance	\$128,049.08

A motion was made by Jacobs to move three months of the trash assessment from the tax account to the trash fund due to the difference in fiscal year dates. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were nineteen runs since last report. The After Holidays Party went well with about 35 people attending. Conducted Air Pack and search and rescue training this month. We will be conducting mandatory training for CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens, and Haz-Mat and FF training. Next month will be doing EMS documentation training. Need to replace a light on unit 521. Puroll Equipment gave a quote of \$750 for the light and bracket.

The township board and Chief Shelly met at the fire hall to go over several different options presented by Mr. Butcher for future fire hall development. Our next step will be to pick an option and get a more detailed to scale drawing. After reviewing the options presented we decided to go let Mr. Butcher know that we would like to go with option A.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,063.55, Trash Fund \$15,092.00 and Fire Fund of \$14,861.32. A bill from Otsego Memorial Hospital for a vaccine for one of fireman was questioned. It was

for Mumps, Measles and Rubella (MMR). He is taking the EMT course and had to have it to before completing the course. This should have been a vaccine he received as a child. It was decided to go ahead and pay the bill but to ask the person to pay this charge back to the department. Chief Shelly will discuss this with the fireman.

We have received our bill from Burnham & Flower for our annual insurance premium on the fire department and the township. At present our deductible for all our coverage including vehicles is \$250 with an annual cost of \$18,390. If we raise the deductible to \$1,000 per occurrence for property deductible and Inland Marine for vehicles the premium for the year would be \$16,728. A motion was made by Brown to go with options B & D and raise the deductible to \$1,000 and pay the lower premium. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

#### PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by member Markovich. The committee met on January 12<sup>th</sup> and discussed projects for the next fiscal year. One of the items would be a new set up for restrooms at the park. We would like to find out how much it would cost for restrooms similar to the ones at Wah Wah Soo. Other items would be a small pavilion on the trail side of the park and possible parking and walkway at the DAV Memorial. A motion was made by Baker to reappoint Christine Wohlfiel to another term ending December 31, 2012, and Dan Tubbs who would be filling the remainder of Ann Wagar's term, which will expire at the end of December 2011. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by Vice Chair Black. Reviewed the 2009 report to the board and went over the minutes of the meeting which included a report on the county planning meeting by county planning member Stults. Election of officers was held with Stults as Chairman, Black as Vice Chair, and Corfis as Secretary. Also discussed the county zoning issue.

#### OTSEGO COUNTY ZONING UPDATE

The supervisors of the various townships in Otsego County met and discussed some of the issues involved with the townships assuming the responsibility of transferring zoning to the townships. They feel the price the county wants to charge each township to keep zoning at the county level is too high. The supervisors feel a price of \$56,000 to be fairer price. All board members were encouraged to write their county commissioner asking for support of the Otsego County Township Officers Association's proposal to continue county zoning. There will be another meeting with the supervisors on February 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss this issue further.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

The township has received several requests for a road sign to be placed on Old State Road by the entrance to the cemetery warning of a "Hidden Driveway". Trustee Brown will contact Tom Deans at the Otsego County Road Commission and request a sign be placed in this area. The township will offer to pay for the sign.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Report by Commissioner Backenstose on some of the things being worked on at the county level. They are looking at a proposal for recycling. It would be drop off recycling in which dumpsters would be placed at the Crossroads area. The new animal shelter will be built on the site of the proposed Children's Museum which never became a reality and is the old DNR property.

#### CONSTABLE REPORT

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

#### COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

A licensed representative from OCCOA and RSVP will be at the township hall to do income taxes for senior citizens ages 60 and older. A non-profit group "Friends of Waters" has been formed and will be offering services such as an afternoon of cards and in the future other recreational activities at the township hall. Jacobs suggested contacting Mary Woodhouse to have the activity sent out to Michaywe residents by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on February 18, 2010.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk