

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET HEARING AND MEETING
MARCH 18, 2010**

The budget hearing for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 6:30 p.m. Questions were answered and comments heard from the audience. The hearing was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. Board members present; Wagar, Markovich, Jacobs and Brown. Absent; Baker and Constable Brown. Also present 3 audience members.

A motion was made by Jacobs to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Brown to adopt the Otsego Lake Township Budget for fiscal year April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 by Cost Center. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to renew the 2010-2011 contract for the township assessor Fred Lindroth. There were no changes made to the contract including pay, which will remain the same as last year. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

A motion to adopt the resolution to set the annual salary of the supervisor at \$18,695.00 was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. A motion to adopt the resolution to set the annual salary of the clerk was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs at \$25,517.00. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Markovich to adopt a resolution to set the annual salary of the treasurer at \$25,517.00. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Markovich to adopt a resolution to set the annual salary of the trustees at \$3,775.00 each. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. The salary resolution for all other employees of the township was read and a motion was made to adopt the resolution by Brown and seconded by Jacobs. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

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| Beginning Balance | \$1,116,206.00 |
| Receipts | 76,461.34 |
| Disbursements | 30,352.27 |
| Ending Balance | \$1,162,687.67 |

TAX ACCOUNT

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| Beginning Balance | \$171,637.51 |
| Receipts | 853,129.40 |
| Disbursements | 720,565.26 |
| Ending Balance | \$304,201.65 |

FIRE FUND

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 114,158.53 |
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TRASH FUND

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| Beginning Balance | \$15,471.07 |
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| Receipts | 91,658.63 | Receipts | 97,977.55 |
| Disbursements | 16,449.80 | Disbursements | 15,092.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 189,367.36 | Ending Balance | \$98,356.62 |

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurer’s report as read. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were nine runs responded to since the last meeting. A pre-incident walk through was conducted at the Friendship Shelter and the bombing range. Fire fighter training will be a refresher class with the JAWS. I attended an explosive awareness class put on the Michigan State Police. Air packs will be flow tested this week. This is required by the NFPA. There will be a FEMA Grant Writing class put on in Alpena on March 25th and Indian River on April 8th.

A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$15,894.25, Fire Fund \$9,929.15, and the Trash Fund \$15,092.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No meeting was held this month, but the committee would like to go ahead with plans for installing one toilet similar to the ones at Wah Wah Soo. Plants and shrubs will be purchased from the Conservation District plant sale. We can have a work crew from the Sheriffs Department do planting, painting and general clean up for \$20.00 a person per day.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the cemetery committee will be April 8th at 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Reported presented by Chair Stults. Reviewed the minutes of the monthly meeting, including work on the Draft Interchange Zoning District. Discussion on an existing ordinance requiring all dumpsters and trash containers be properly screened and enclosed. The board agrees that from a health and safety viewpoint it would be a good idea, but in today’s economy, with businesses in financial trouble it is not a good time to begin enforcing an ordinance that has been in effect since the seventies. Perhaps the ordinance needs to be made more practical in today’s world.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Brown has spoken to Tom Deans from the Otsego County Road Commission on proposed road projects in Otsego Lake Township. There are two major projects but both of these are scheduled for 2011. One is West Otsego Lake Drive and our estimated share of the project is \$75,000. The other project is Mancelona Road from Passenheim Road to Old 27. That cost is estimated at \$35,000. Both of these projects will be included in the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked out during the monthly inspections. The liquor license for the Parkside County Store is still pending. The board reviewed the inspection reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on a burned out trailer in Arbutus Beach Highlands that was sold by the County for non payment of taxes. The lot was not cleaned up before being offered for sale. The burned out trailer is still on the property and needs to be declared an unsafe building. At that point it can be demolished and a lien put on the property. We need to contact our attorney about enforcing the Unsafe Building Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

Wagar gave an update on the county zoning proposal. It was discussed at the last Otsego County Township Officers Association meeting. A proposal was then discussed with John Burt, County Zoning Administrator for the townships to pay a total of \$56,500, the first year which will be apportioned among the townships in the county. Mr. Burt then discussed this with Joe Ferrigan, Zoning Administrator and Randy Stults, County Planning Commission Chairman. They feel that someone could be hired that would do the job for that price. This should be a two year contract, but in order to find and keep a qualified person the cost for the second year will probably be higher. If possible township officials would like to see the cost kept under \$60,000 per year for the second year. With this contract the level of services will be reduced as there will only be one person to do all aspects of this job.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Comment from township resident with suggestions on improving information and procedures for handling cases that come before the Board of Review in our township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

