

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, MAY 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and seven audience members.

A motion was made by Jacobs to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. After meeting with Mr. DeLong of Dunn's Office Supply and comparing options, features and cost of a new or used copier for the township hall we have decided to purchase a used Savin 4022spf for \$3,643.33 with a full coverage service contract of \$15.05 per month. If we were to buy a new copier with the same features the cost would be \$5,092.33. The board budgeted to purchase new computers for the assessor, treasurer and clerk. After pricing and deciding what features are needed for each computer we have received a price from Alpine Computers for \$3,452.00 for three computers. A motion was made by Jacobs to purchase the computers for the stated price from Alpine Computers. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

A motion was made by Baker to pay bills for the General Fund of \$33,009.86, Fire Fund \$9,188.09 and Trash Fund of \$15,092.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,326,024.30
Receipts	2,727.41
Disbursements	18,592.24
Ending Balance	\$1,310,159.47

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$128,409.73
Receipts	518.39
Disbursements	127,909.73
Ending Balance	\$ 1,018.39

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 179,773.27
Receipts	64,660.57
Disbursements	9,848.34
Ending Balance	\$ 234,858.50

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 83,302.80
Receipts	65,463.20
Disbursements	15,092.00
Ending Balance	\$133,674.00

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. Since last month the department has responded to twenty-nine runs, twenty of which were EMS calls. Attended the Chief's meeting at which time we discussed the current fire fighter class and the possibility of another class

next year and a tanker shuttle class in September. The department with the board's approval is planning to hold a bake sale and car wash on Saturday, May 29th during the Community Garage Sale that has been planned in Waters. The board gave permission to hold the sale and car wash. Discussion followed over costs associated with our department standing by for mutual aid due to the Crawford County wild fire. Wagar feels that we need to limit the number of people we have on standby for situations like this. In reality it would be difficult to say we only need two or three people to respond and may end up with no one answering a call. This is an obligation we agreed to when we signed the Mutual Aid Agreement. The radio tower on Passenheim Road still needs work. This should be the responsibility of 911 to see that this is in working order. The department has been discussing the need for an air-pak seat on unit 514, our newest unit. The approximate cost would be \$1,000.00 and would save time putting on an air pack at an accident scene. Shelly will get costs and report back to the board.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown reported on the Spring District meeting in Alpena. This was attended by the Treasurer, Clerk and both Trustees. Very informative. There is a class on June 29th put on by MTA on Policies and Procedures that would be beneficial in fulfilling her project for the TGA degree.

Baker has spoken to a person who specializes in grant writing. She would only be paid if she applied for a grant. A copy of the fire charges ordinance was given to the planning commission who reviewed and made suggested changes to the ordinance. A copy of the revised ordinance was provided to board members. After discussing many different aspects of the ordinance it was decided to change parts of the wording pertaining to fees charged to the driver/owner instead of individual and suggested raising the fee to \$900 up from the present \$750 for the first two hours. The majority of the board felt that the fee should be kept at \$750.00. It was also decided to keep the appeals process but to have the township board hear the individual cases. Baker will make the changes to the ordinance and send to the clerk who will forward it to our attorney. The web page is okay and up to date. Please let Baker know if there is anything that should be included on the web page.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Board reviewed the inspections reports.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on the possible benefit of gas drilling in Otsego County, and the proposed animal shelter, should it be a new building or a remodel of an existing building both of which will be expensive. The Friendship Shelter is in need of a new septic system.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by member Baker. The planning commission worked on the fire charges ordinance and also continued discussing the Draft Interchange Zoning District Language.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

No meeting was held but a bid on a masonry vault toilet was received from JC Miliken for \$11,200. We will discuss this further at our park meeting on June 8th. Baker suggested putting a lock on the door similar to the one the city uses. It is a timed door and will close and open at a set time.

CEMETERY REPORT

The branches have been trimmed and three locust trees have been removed. Stuckman was the low bidder. Some work has been done on the property lines. A complaint was received from the owner of the property on the east side of the cemetery. Two trees were left but the rest have been taken down.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on June 17th at 7:00 p.m.