

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT HEARING
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**

The hearing for the Special Assessment for Fire Protection was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar. The special assessment was explained and questions were answered concerning the assessment. Hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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. All board members present and 12 audience members. A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Brown to approve bills for the general fund in the amount of \$21,745.57, fire fund \$4,545.92 and trash fund \$15,092.00, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,286,103.17
Receipts	7,916.29
Disbursements	32,896.45
Ending Balance	\$1,261,123.01

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$114,808.48
Receipts	633,032.77
Disbursements	372,068.40
Ending Balance	\$375,783.59

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 226,206.99
Receipts	1,398.21
Disbursements	6,837.56
Ending Balance	\$ 220,767.64

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$104,376.51
Receipts	51.53
Disbursements	15,092.00
Ending Balance	\$ 88,536.04

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report given by Chief Shelly. The department had fifteen runs, seven of the calls were EMS runs. Our average response time was 7.6 minutes. Requested board's permission to put a truck in the Fireman's Memorial Parade in Roscommon on September 18th. Fire training this month will be a seminar/dinner at Michaywe Clubhouse and will be on pipeline safety and training. EMS training will be on search and rescue. We have a new member; Shari Esson, she is enrolled in the EMT class. Chief Shelly and possibly one other member, Nikki Booth would like to attend an EMS Expo in Marquette the weekend of October 1st. Cost is \$75.00 per day and will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Baker feels that the board should cover lodging and mileage for the Expo. After discussion it was decided to pay for these expenses.

The department would like to conduct an open house for Fire Prevention Week. The board agreed that this would be a beneficial project. We should be hearing on the DNR grant next month.

Five contractors delivered sealed bids for reroofing the township hall by the specified time on Thursday, September 16th. The contractors and bids are as follows: Apa Construction, \$13,200; Peck Builders, \$15,970; Jordan Construction \$15,681; Olsen Construction, \$14,145.71; Greg Tobias Builder, \$19,400; and Been There Done That Constuction, \$16,910 After reviewing the bids a motion was made by Baker to award the bid to Apa Construction in the amount of \$13,200.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Ed Doss, from Waters Business Group informed the board that there will be a Thunder Over Waters next year. They have a sponsor for the Petting Zoo, which was a very popular event this year. Also asked the board if they would be willing to purchase the flowers for the light poles for next year. The business group will again do the watering. Mr. Doss proposed that if the Business Group buys lights for the Christmas decorations for the light poles, would the township be willing to contract with someone to put garland on the poles? The tree lighting ceremony will again be at the Fire Hall and held on Friday or Saturday night. Before deciding the group will check and see when Gaylord is planning on holding their Christmas ceremony. Plans were presented to the board for a proposed bottle fence re-creation/town center with a gazebo type structure on our property across from the town hall.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Brown is working on the policies and procedures for the township. Will look at the contract for hall rental. Nothing but good comments from public concerning the fire department for all of their volunteer time during Thunder Over Waters

PLANING COMMISSION REPORT

The planning commission is still working on the Draft Interchange Zoning District.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

RPM Construction gave the board detailed information on the proposed pavilion. The committee felt that they were complete enough and with the boards permission would like to give the go ahead to begin the project. The wood chips that are still at the entrance to the nature trail will be spread on the trail with the help of the Sheriffs work crew. There is still some work to finish on the vault toilet before final payment is made. We need a new door handle to be ADA compliant.

CEMETERY REPORT

The new drive way markers are installed. The ordinance was reviewed by the committee and will be sent to our attorney for approval.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

The burned out trailer in Arbutus Beach Highlands has been cleaned up. Property has been purchased for a new animal shelter.

The resolution to determine the millage for the Fire Protection Special Assessment District was read by Clerk Markovich. The millage will be set at 1.05 mils and generate income in the amount of \$164,063.00. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Brown and seconded by Brown. Roll call vote: Wagar, aye; Brown, aye; Markovich, aye; Jacobs, aye; and Baker, aye. All ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried.

The copier at the fire hall is in need of replacement. Dunn's Business Solution's has a used copier that has all the capabilities the department needs and can be purchased for \$959.00. At present the service contract on the old copier is \$831 annually. In the past the fire department has only had three service calls in eight years on the present copier. A motion was made by Brown to purchase the used Savin 816f with out the service contract for \$959.00. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

A proposal has been received from Landscape Plus to remove the sod along the east side of the fence in the parking lot, put down commercial weed fabric and drain stone between the fence and the pavement for \$750.00. At present, every time the grass is weed whacked by the fence it leaves residue on the fence and any cars that are parked in the lot. A motion was made by Jacobs to hire Landscape Plus to do the work. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

The walls in the meeting room and the entrance area at the township hall are in need of being repaired, and repainted. Wagar will contact a couple of paint contractors in our area for bids for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interest has been raised in creating a dog run area at the park. The trail that presently runs by the roadway in Grayling may be extended to Frederic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township