

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

The hearing for the Fire Department Special Assessment District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Questions were heard and answered. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present; Brown, Baker, Jacobs, Markovich and Constable Brown. Absent Wagar. Also present five audience members. Motion made by Markovich, and seconded by Jacobs to nominate Trustee Brown to chair the meeting in Wagar's absence, motion carried. Hearing held to establish an Industrial Development District on property identification codes 091-460-000-190-04 and 090-029-100-025-00. Economic Development Director Jeff Radcliffe explained the purpose of the hearing and how and industrial development functions. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to adopt the resolution to establish the district. Roll call vote; ayes, Brown, Baker and Markovich, nays none, abstain Jacobs. Motion to adopt the Industrial District carried.

**CLERKS REPORT**

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the August meeting with corrections to the treasurers report. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund for \$229,314.00 which included payment for road work in the township this summer. Fire Fund in the amount of \$115,461.24 which includes final payment for the new(used) pumper truck. Trash Fund \$15,162.00, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,273,928.13
Receipts	19,015.05
Distribution	44,763.76
Ending Balance	\$1,248,179.42

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$233,461.27
Receipts	657,186.89
Distribution	441,802.53
Ending Balance	\$448,845.63

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 297,061.05
Receipts	1,202.72
Disbursements	3,604.34
Ending Balance	\$ 294,659.43

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$103,462.59
Receipts	11.99
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$ 88,492.58

A motion made by Baker to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion made by Jacobs to continue charging the 1% PTAF. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report presented by Chief Shelly. We responded to 25 runs since last report. Enroute time was around five minutes and we missed four calls. Fire training was on chimney fires and CO alarms. The board approved sending Shelly, Z. Wagar, Sensabaugh and Bober to the EMS Expo in Marquette on September

28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Four sets of turn out gear were ordered as per budget. Shelly is working on a grant for \$6,000 which will be applied to handheld radios and chains for unit 514. Member Mariah Rivest is attending the EMT class. The new truck should arrive tomorrow or Monday. After holding a hearing for the Special Assessment for Fire Protection the clerk read the resolution that would set the millage to be assessed for this year at 1.05 mils raising \$159,618.93 for the Fire Protection Special Assessment District. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote; Baker, Markovich, Jacobs and Brown, ayes. Nays – none. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.

#### CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

Brown reported on the training policy and the new truck. Baker updated the board on the doors at the fire hall. They are almost finished. Baker asked that we remind our auditor about the electronic copy of the audit to put on the web site. Baker is still looking into the sidewalks and steps at the township hall.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning member Corfis reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and reported on case #ZBA12-001. Fam B Inc is requesting a variance to exceed the amount of signage allowed for a single business. After reviewing the case the planning commission needs a more complete site plan in order to know exactly what the applicant is requesting.

#### CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Brown reported that two of the older headstones at the cemetery are in very bad condition and need to be repaired. If possible the headstones should be brought to the township hall to be stored to prevent further deterioration.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Wohlfeil updated the board on what has been done at the park. The new lights and panel are finished and working. The bids we have received for the horseshoe pits seem to be costly for what we are looking to install at the park. A motion was made by Markovich to decline the bids that we have received to date. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. Township resident Smith will submit a bid for review and action by the board. The Disabled Veterans Memorial is in need of some concrete work. We need to get information from Baker on the sidewalk contractor he is been working with for the proposed sidewalks. The new markers are in at the Nature Trail.

#### ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Road projects completed this year include a chip seal application and fog coat on 8 miles of roads in the township for a total of \$163,680.00. Completed work on Timber Valley Road in Michaywe which was contracted to cost \$67,585.00 but, came in at a cost to the township of \$46,128.00 which is a savings of \$21,457.00.

Sam Smith, Thunder Over Waters committee member reported that the festival was a success. The Fire Works were really great and seventy bikes were given away.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on happenings at the county level.

Discussed the recycle millage which will be on the ballot – they are asking for a quarter of a mill for all properties in the county. Discussed the possibility of the township making an offer on the Schottee property on Old 27 South in Waters.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Brendan Curran, running for office of Prosecuting Attorney, introduced himself and answered questions from the audience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on October 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.