

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, JULY 19, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present, Wagar, Markovich, Baker, and Jacobs. Absent M. Brown and J. Brown. Also present six audience members and Township Auditor Dan Smith.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Jacobs to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting, seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Baker to approve paying bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$52,536.07, Fire Fund \$4,960.50 and Trash Fund \$15,762.00. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,317,854.98
Receipts	9,600.82
Distribution	35,477.06
Ending Balance	\$1,291,978.74

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 983.98
Receipts	435.42
Distribution	300.00
Ending Balance	\$ 1,119.40

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 319,984.29
Receipts	537.93
Disbursements	18,058.80
Ending Balance	\$ 302,463.42

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$134,537.57
Receipts	15.30
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$119,390.87

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Markovich to approve the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Township auditor Dan Smith recently completed the biannual audit for the township funds. He reviewed and explained the audit results to the board and audience.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been twenty-four runs since last month. EMS training should be on water rescue conducted by Tim O'Donnell at the Sportsplex in Gaylord. Fire training was on pump and hydrant operations. There will be at least one truck in the Alpenfest Parade in Gaylord. We have a new member, Nate Lawes, he is FF and EMT trained. An AFLAC representative gave a brief presentation at our business meeting. Several members

may be interested in signing up for this coverage. If the department is interested the new truck is available earlier than originally expected. We will notify them that we would be interested in taking early delivery as it will be a while before the modifications on the new vehicle are completed. The department expressed interest in keeping the old truck (unit 504) to use as an additional water point. We have no bay to store 504 and would have to find some place to store it off premises. Would also have to consider the cost of insurance and maintenance as well as storage.

CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Constable inspections reports were circulated for board to look at and sign. There were two audience members who expressed concern about the two properties on Lake Shore Drive. One of the parties lives next door to one of the buildings. No one has lived in either of the houses for many years and the yards are full of weeds, large pine trees that have fallen and been left to rot plus numerous branches. The storm windows are broken at each house but the inside windows are intact and the doors and windows are secure and locked. This has been brought to the attention of the Enforcement Officer, Joe Ferrigan. He has written letters and cited both of the owners. He has not received any response from either owner of the properties. Mr. Ferrigan will be sending each of them a letter to appear in court. The township does have a dangerous building ordinance but these buildings do not fall in that category. It was suggested that Supervisor Wagar write a letter to Mr. Ferrigan.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Baker stated that the township web site is up to date at this time. The audiovisual equipment needs further attention; someone from the company was here today and worked on the system. Still needs some further attention. The new doors on the east side of the building are in and except for a very minor problem are complete. They still have to do some repairs to the doors on the west side of the building. The replacement of the fire department doors should begin in two to three weeks. We are waiting for owners to sign off on the easement agreement for the sidewalks.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

We have received two bids to upgrade the electrical service to a 200 amp 20 circuit panel and add three new 24' light poles at the township park. The bids are from Larry's Electric for \$4,775.00 and Property Management Consultants in the amount of \$5,968.00. A motion was made by Markovich to accept the bid by Larry's Construction for the stated amount. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. We would like to upgrade the horseshoe pit at the park. At present it is not usable. A bid of \$3,200.00 was received from Frank Jasinski. After discussing the bid it was decided that we need more information before making any decision.

ROAD PROJECTS

Wagar updated the board on existing road projects planned for this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

We have received the contract from Otsego County Land Use Services Administration asking us to enter into a contract for services planning, zoning, zoning administration and building code compliance for the years beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014. Our township cost for each year is \$7,210.00, which is the same as in previous years. A motion was made by Baker to accept the terms of the contract. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose updated the board on happenings at the county.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be August 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township