

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, JUNE 21, 2012**

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. Board members present; Wagar, M. Brown, Markovich, Baker, and Constable J. Brown. Absent; Jacobs. Also present eleven audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the May 17, 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 \$30,228.26, Fire Fund \$3,509.90, and Trash Fund of \$15,162.00, seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,302,114.97
Receipts	44,739.07
Disbursements	28,999.06
Ending Balance	\$1,317,854.98

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$205,972.38
Receipts	39,473.40
Disbursements	244,461.80
Ending Balance	\$ 983.98

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$176,400.96
Receipts	152,078.43
Disbursements	8,495.10
Ending Balance	\$319,984.29

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 68,840.82
Receipts	80,858.75
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$134,537.57

The treasurer's report was presented by Deputy Treasurer J. Brown. A motion was made by M. Brown to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report given by Chief Shelly. There were 32 runs, which is up from 20 for the last report. Fire training was on water rescue and boat operation. The township board agreed to have a truck in the Alpenfest Parade, the Frederic Homefest and the Lovells bridge walk. We have three new members Mitch Udebrock, Mariah Rivest and Bob Gilbert. Brandon Bicknell will be joining the department this Friday. He is already Fire Fighter trained and an EMT. Shelly would like to attend a highway safety instructor and patient handling class in August. Cost is \$60.00 per class. The board agreed to pay the cost for him to attend.

WATERS BUSINESS GROUP

Ed Doss, business group president reported that he has been working with Jeff Radcliffe of the Economic Alliance to see if they would get approval to use the snowmobile trail as a non-motorized path. So far they have not received permission. They are still working on trying to get this resolved. There will be more to come. The plants are here and have been hung. Doss announced that he is resigning as president of the business group. The group has been responsible for the tree lighting ceremony in December and involved in Thunder Over Waters.

FRIENDS OF WATERS

Margaret Black gave a report on the nonprofit group Friends of Waters. Some of the activities the group is involved with include tax preparation for senior citizens and low income residents of Otsego Lake Township. This year she did twelve tax preparations for township residents. The group also planted flowers at the fire hall and outside the entrance to the post office and the two planters at the front of the township hall. In the light of Mr. Doss resigning from Waters Business they will not be doing the hanging baskets on the light poles in Waters next year Friends of Waters would be willing to assist in this task.

OLD BUSINESS

Jeff Radcliffe was present with two representatives from the Economic Development Alliance. They again requested that the board vote on raising the annual funding contribution to the alliance. At present we contribute \$450.00 per year, they are asking for \$1,000.00 more per fiscal year for our townships share. After some discussion a motion was made by Wagar to approve the increase in funding as requested for the next fiscal year. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during the monthly liquor inspections of establishments. Brown has been working with Joe Ferrigan at the county on cases in Arbutus Beach Highlands and Bradford Lake area. As of June 28th Mr. Ferrigan will no longer have to go through the prosecutor to get action on complaints. He will be able to issue citations and take people to court.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Brown reported on the flag burning ceremony put on the VFW and held at the township cemetery. Our fire department was on hand in case they were needed.

Baker received two bids for replacing the doors at the Fire Department. The low bidder was Birchwood Construction Company from Harbor Springs, Michigan. The bids were Birchwood Construction-\$25,317 and West Coast Builders & Construction from Dorr Michigan-\$38,009. A motion was made by Brown to accept the bid of Birchwood Construction, seconded by Baker,

motion carried. Gaylord Manufacturing is going to be taking down the damaged street light pole and doing welding repairs.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

There was no meeting this month. As requested at the last township meeting a copy of the revised Billboard Ordinance with the addition for the directional signage was sent to our attorney. He has made his recommendations and drawn up resolution for us to adopt and then publish the said resolution. The motion was read by Baker to include the changes adding directional signage. Seconded by Brown. Roll call vote; Baker, aye, Markovich, aye, Wagar, nay, and Brown, aye. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.

CEMETERY REPORT

The committee will have a “work bee” on Saturday, June 24th. They are still working on plans for a parking area at the northeast corner of the cemetery.

ROAD PROJECTS

We have received a contract from the Road Commission to provide improvements to the intersections of Pearson Road and Old 27 and West Heart Lake Drive and Old 27 and Pearson at West Heart Lake Drive. Total estimated cost of this project is \$13,520.00 with the township paying \$10,140.00. Also included was a proposed estimate to do a 1.5” overlay on West Heart Lake Drive and Pearson Road. Total cost of this project is \$23,920.00. The township share is \$17,940.00. A motion was made by Brown to sign the contract with the Road Commission for \$10,140.00 for the interchanges and also approve \$17,940.00 for the overlay on W. Heart Lake and Pearson Roads for a total of \$28,080.00. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bros Bistro informed the board that they need to install a larger sign on their property for their new restaurant. It was suggested that they talk to the county as this is not covered by the Billboard Ordinance since it is on private property. Sam Smith reported on the spaghetti dinner held on Sunday at the Keg as a fund raiser for Thunder Over Waters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on July 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

