

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, MAY 17, 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. All board members present and five audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting as presented. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Baker to pay bills for the General Fund of \$26,756.97, Fire Fund \$8,037.50, and Trash Fund of \$15,162.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract for the Assessor for the year ending March 31, 2013. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,323,822.06
Receipts	971.36
Disbursements	22,687.44
Ending Balance	\$1,302,114.97

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$206,067.55
Receipts	592.40
Disbursements	687.57
Ending Balance	\$205,972.38

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 181,158.30
Receipts	72.89
Disbursements	4,830.23
Ending Balance	\$ 176,400.96

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 83,993.68
Receipts	9.14
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$ 68,840.82

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

A list of properties that are being offered to the township on a rite of first refusal was provided to the treasurer by the County. There were no properties that the township board felt were worth acquiring.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Shelly reported that there were twenty runs since the last report. We missed three calls this month. EMS training was on assessing conditions of patients and taking their vitals. We have one new member, Dave Peck. He lives in Bagley Township and works at Camp Grayling. Jeff Schermerhorn completed the firefighter class and has passed his test. Our annual fit testing was conducted and all members passed. We are checking around for prices on a truck.

Jeff Radcliffe, Economic Alliance Director and Mary Sanders, Hayes Township Supervisor and economic alliance board member gave a presentation of how the alliance began, how they get their funding, some of the projects they have been behind and made happen in the county, and how the alliance impacts our township. They are asking for an annual donation this next fiscal year of \$1,450.00, which is an increase to our township of \$1,000.00. No decision was made by the board on whether to raise our donation to the alliance. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

CONSTABLES REPORT

Constable Brown presented the inspection reports from the establishments in the township that sell liquor. Everything checked out. Constable Brown was asked to contact our township attorney concerning the partly demolished trailer in Arbutus Beach Highlands.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown reported that the banner on the light pole is upside down because of a missing knob on the end of the pole that secures the banner in place. There is a missing pole on the light post in front of Shakes and Such. Baker will look into replacing knobs and possibly a pole. The fire department is trying to recruit new members and approaching old members to return.

Baker reported that there is a broken bracket on the street light by the fire department. A bid of \$8,179.00 has been presented by Midland Glass to replace the doors on the east side of the hall. A motion was made by Brown to sign the contract with Midland Glass for the stated price to replace the east doors. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. A bid package was presented to the board for replacing the doors at the fire department. A motion was made by Jacobs to let the bid proposal for publication. Seconded by Markovich. I.Comm should be here late next week or the following week to begin installation of the sound system at the township hall.

Jacobs read Resolution No. 5 Regarding Special Assessment District No. 12 which deals with eradicating milfoil in Big Bradford Lake. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs. Roll call vote; Brown – aye, Markovich – aye, Wagar – aye, Jacobs – aye, and Baker – aye. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5 carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning member Baker reported on the meeting. Stults gave an updated the planning commission on county planning commission business. The commission revised the Billboard Ordinance to include directional signs. A copy will be sent to our township attorney for review. The commission was asked by the board to review Bagley Townships Nuisance Ordinance and to see if we could adopt something similar for our township. The commission would like more directions from the board as to what direction they want the commission to take. The county does not have a nuisance ordinance it has a zoning ordinance. Joe Ferrigan initiates enforcement on complaints he receives from townships.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The next cemetery meeting will be June 7th at the township hall. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the cemetery on Memorial Day at 10:00 a.m. at the township cemetery. Any decision on whether to pave the road at the cemetery will be decided at a later date. Member Newman is doing research on headstone restoration.

PARK COMMITTEE

The committee has received prices on fitness equipment to place at the park. At the present time we are not sure what type of surface to install for the equipment that would be clustered in a group. It could be a cement surface or just installing the equipment in concrete and then replacing the grass around each piece. We have received prices for three and for four stations. The price for three stations with freight would be \$9,880.35, and for four stations it would be \$14,365.78. After discussion about the surface cost a motion was made by Jacobs to order the equipment contingent on the price of installation and the surface to use and not to exceed \$26,000.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

County Commissioner Backenstose reported on some of the happenings going on at the county.

NEW BUSINESS

Jacobs informed the board that we have received some complaints about trash cans being tossed and lids not put back on but thrown down. Wagar will contact American Waste to let them know we have had some problems.

A bill has been received from Friends of Waters, the nonprofit group that does income tax preparation for senior citizens in our township. Margaret Black comes to the hall twice a month during tax season and does taxes for our residents. The bills is for \$500.00. After discussion it was suggested that we invite Ms. Black to give a report to the board on what she has done this season.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on June 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township