

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET HEARING AND MINUTES
March 21, 2013**

Budget hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Comments heard from the public and questions answered. Meeting closed at 6:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the township board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present; Wagar, Jacobs and Markovich. Absent; Brown and Baker, also present five audience members. W. Koppa of Crawford County Trails Committee gave a presentation on the status of the North Higgins Lake and Otsego Lake bike path extension project. He asked that the board write a letter of support and send it to the State of Michigan.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Jacobs to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented with the addition of SANE in the clerks report. Seconded by Wagar, motion carried. A motion was made by Wagar to pay bills for the General Fund of \$17,302.18, Fire Fund \$7337.88 and Trash Fund \$15,753.00. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. A motion was made by Wagar and seconded by Jacobs to adopt the budget for the general fund and fire fund by cost center for the fiscal year April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013. The trash fund budget by cost center with a fiscal year of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Motion carried. A motion to adopt the salary resolution for all township and fire department employees except board members was read by Clerk Markovich. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Markovich and seconded by Jacobs. Roll call vote; Wagar, Jacobs, and Markovich, aye. Absent Baker and Brown. Motion to adopt resolution carried. Motion made by Jacobs and seconded by Markovich to adopt the resolution setting the salary of the supervisor at \$19,065.00 per year. Roll call vote; Jacobs, Wagar and Markovich aye. Absent Brown and Baker, motion to adopt the resolution carried. Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Wagar to adopt the resolution setting the salary of the clerk at \$26,025.00 per year. Roll call vote; Markovich, Wagar, and Jacobs aye. Absent Brown and Baker, motion to adopt resolution carried. A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by Wagar to adopt the resolution setting the salary of the treasurer at \$26,025.00 per year. Roll call vote; Jacobs, Markovich, and Wagar aye. absent Baker and Brown, motion to adopt resolution carried. A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Wagar to set the salaries of the township trustees at \$3,850.00 per year each. Roll call vote; Jacobs, Markovich and Wagar aye. Absent Baker and Brown. Motion to adopt salary resolution carried. A motion was made by Wagar and seconded by Markovich to approve the contract for the township assessor for the period beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014 with an annual salary of \$39,200.00. Motion to approve the contract carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,113,305.74
Receipts	65,712.82
Disbursements	19,216.71
Ending Balance	\$1,159,801.85

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 474,085.20
Receipts	767,856.36
Disbursements	871,336.45
Ending Balance	\$ 370,605.11

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	92,643.68
Receipts		106.88
Disbursements		10,164.45
Ending Balance	\$	82,586.11

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	12,121.53
Receipts		50,003.60
Disbursements		15,753.60
Ending Balance	\$	46,371.53

A motion was made by Markovich to approve the treasurer's report as read, seconded by Wagar, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jacobs to collect summer taxes for the Gaylord Community Schools for \$2.50 per parcel. Seconded by Wagar, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT

A split by R. Boike was approved by the assessor and presented to the board for signatures.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Lt Billy Stiles in the absence of Chief Shelly. There were thirteen runs this period. Fire training will be on traffic control and water point. EMS training will be on triage. DOT inspections and annual oil changes will be done by Zaremba. Overby and Warsco are attending a firefighter training class put on by Frederic Township Fire Department. One of the new garage doors came apart on maintenance night at the fire hall. ODS Door Specialist were called and fixed it the next morning. They also did some maintenance on the other doors as well. Wagar will contact the company that installed the new doors about paying this bill. Mariah Rivest has passed her EMT test and MFR testing has been scheduled for members Schermerhorn and Gray in April.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

We have received a bid from John Taylor to do some power washing and staining of both the large and small pavilions and to strip paint and sand and repair six picnic tables as needed and seal with T.W.P.(total wood protectant). Pressure wash four benches and seal with T.W.P. for a total cost of \$4,325.00. After discussion it was decided to get another bid for comparison.

CONSTABLES REPORT

Report read by Clerk Markovich. Everything checked out during monthly inspections, board reviewed and initialed reports. Parkside Store is set to open approximately April 1, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Wagar gave an update on the proposed sidewalk extension that would run in front of the township hall and continue to the fence on the old Schotte property. He has spoken to Jack Miliken and will contact another company that does concrete work about getting bids. There will be some ground preparation work before laying a sidewalk in front of the hall and getting approval from the new owners of the Schottee property. Wagar also spoke to Tom Deans of the Otsego County Road Commission about

possibly including a ten foot walking easement when they are redoing Old 27 from Sandy Lane to Memorial Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter of resignation has been received from Trustee Tim Baker. He is resigning as of tonight, March 21, 2013. A motion to accept his resignation as of March 21, 2013 was made by Wagar and seconded by Jacobs. The motion was carried. A vacancy notice will be put in the Herald Times asking for applications for the position. A replacement will be voted on at the township board meeting on April 18, 2013.

Comments heard for the good of the township. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township