

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, JULY 18, 2013**

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 eight audience members.

**CLERKS REPORT**

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown to pay bills for the General Fund of \$34,074.16, Fire Fund \$3,634.77 and Trash Fund \$15,753.60. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,206,886.45
Receipts	8,348.57
Disbursements	58,701.00
Ending Balance	\$1,156,534.02

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$ 514.79
Receipts	.06
Disbursements	9.53
Ending Balance	\$ 505.32

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 212,611.85
Receipts	867.32
Disbursements	5,203.68
Ending Balance	\$ 208,275.49

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$138,200.42
Receipts	10.54
Disbursements	15,753.60
Ending Balance	\$ 122,457.36

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report given by Chief Shelly. There were 25 calls this month. Three new members have been hired. There is a MFR class scheduled for August and several of our members are interested in attending. Warsco and Overby have passed the FF class and tests. Computer at the fire hall is outdated. A motion was made by M. Brown to purchase a new computer for the fire hall for a cost of \$669.00. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. EMS training was back boarding and c-spine stabilization and fire training will be on hose usage. The EEOC training class for Chief Shelly and township officers will be at the township hall at 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2013.

**CONSTABLE & ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT**

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Reports reviewed by board. Jerry Brown has been the constable for 21 years. He has assumed the duties of treasurer and cannot serve as constable any longer. A motion was made by Johnson to accept his resignation as of the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A discussion followed whether to keep the constable position in the township or

to turn it over to the county. It was decided to keep the position in the township and for the time being assign the duties of the constable to another board member. A motion was made by Markovich to assign the duties temporarily to J. Brown. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A decision on a new constable will be made at the next township meeting.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

M. Brown reported that the township has received a permit for fireworks display from Thunder Over Waters Festival Committee. They are asking for permission to put on the annual fireworks during the festival on Sunday, September 1, 2013. They have purchased a one day insurance policy in the amount of \$5,000,000. A motion was made by Brown to approve the request for fireworks pending receipt of proof of insurance. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. Brown read the new Policy No: 071813-0 for the Otsego Lake Township Fire Chief's Position. Chief Shelly will get back to us after he has had a chance to review the policy.

Johnson has walked the Nature Trail at the park after we had more wood chips spread and branches cleared. He feels that they did a good job on the trail. Also inspected the irrigation system that was installed at the park by Landscape Plus and reported that he did a great job on the system.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No meeting was held this month but we did receive two bids for the proposed tennis courts at the park. Bids were received from Reith & Riley for \$88,470.00 which includes a paved parking area and vinyl fencing. Payne & Dolan bid was for \$87,800.00 and also includes a paved parking area and fencing. The proposed location is behind the DAV Memorial on Old 27 South. Johnson staked out a proposed location at the park behind the basketball court. Reith and Riley looked at the sight and estimated that it will be the same as the bid for the site on Memorial Dr., less the cost of a parking lot. It was suggested that we try to get some grant monies because the cost is above our budgeted amount. After discussion about upkeep costs and how much a tennis court would be used by township residents a motion was made by Markovich to pursue applying for any grants that we may be able to apply for help with the cost of the courts before any decision is made or any vote taken to approve the construction of tennis courts in our township. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. We have run into a problem with putting security cameras at the park. Before we can proceed we need to have Charter Cable install a modem in a secure area for Wi-Fi transmission to the hall from the cameras.

#### CEMETERY REPORT

No meeting was held this month. The next meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall. Dianne Newman is working to put on the headstone reconstruction workshop in October at our township hall. More details are to follow.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Friends of Waters requested use of the lot across from the township hall for a "Junk in the Trunk" event. A charge of \$10.00 per vehicle would allow the person to sell items from their vehicle. The proceeds would go to Friends of Waters, a nonprofit group. The monies are used to purchase flower plantings around the township and doing income taxes for seniors and low income residents of the township. A

motion was made by Markovich to allow them to use the lot and see how it works out for the first time. Seconded by JBrown. Motion carried.

Wagar reported on the Pathway Project meeting with residents of Otsego Lake Village that was held at the township hall. Some small progress has been made in dealing with the railroad.

#### COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Discussed putting in a splash pad at the park and removing the three pine trees on the lot across from the hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on August 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.