

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, AUGUST 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and 11 audience members.

**CLERKS REPORT**

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting as presented. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

A motion was made by M. Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$63,651.48, Fire Fund \$7,394.39, and Trash Fund of \$16,220.80, seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,052,428.80
Receipts	50,344.71
Disbursements	141,754.55
Ending Balance	\$ 961,018.96

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$125,112.32
Receipts	10.30
Disbursements	16,861.01
Ending Balance	\$108,261.61

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 254,434.64
Receipts	771.39
Disbursements	7,064.94
Ending Balance	\$ 248,141.09

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,057.56
Receipts	480,053.34
Disbursements	281,408.35
Ending Balance	199,702.54

A motion was made by Johnson and Seconded to accept the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report presented by Chief Tucker. There were 21 runs during the month of July. We will have one person attending the FFI and FFII course beginning October 20, 2014. Received bids for new front tires for unit 505. Upper Lakes Tire bid was \$980.66, and Bellroc tire Services \$1,271.53. A motion was made by M. Brown to purchase the tires from Upper Lakes Tire. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. Also received bids to seal coat the parking lot at the fire hall. It was decided not to do this at this time.

**CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT**

Everything checked out during monthly inspections of establishments. Suggested speaking with our attorney concerning the Dangerous Building Ordinance as it would pertain to the Trading Post and a property on Dodge Lake Road.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

M. Brown reported that the fire department auxiliary would like to get the explorer program up and running again. Attended the chiefs meeting in Gaylord. The department needs to get equipment back from members that are no longer active on the department. Certified, return receipt requests were mailed to these members. Further action will need to be taken. The names were given to the supervisor. Reviewed Otsego Lake Policy #1-2014 with the board. A motion was made by M. Brown to adopt the policy as presented with the addition of the township board meeting agenda and to put on the web site. Seconded by Johnson, motion to adopt carried. Policy 2-2014 Code of Ethical Conduct was also presented. A motion to adopt this policy was made by M. Brown and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

At this time a comment was heard from M. Brown acting as a private citizen concerning remarks and discussions made by certain members of township committees that were directed at her husband that she feels were inappropriate and untrue comments.

G. Johnson reviewed the contract from Tony Esson that was received by the board. Cost for the township to contract with him to do the feasibility study on the front entrance to the township on the west side of the building and to suggest ways to correct the water leakage at the fire hall is \$3,000.00. A motion was made by M. Brown to accept the bid. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. Discussed the proposed road millage that will be on the November ballot. Roads in our township that are in need of repair are Marlette and Passenheim Road.

## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Johnson reported that the regular meeting for the month of August was cancelled. But, he would like to see the Planning Commission Resolution that by passes the board and sends decisions on planning cases directly to the County Planning Commission be rewritten so that cases also come to the township for decisions and then to the county. The planning commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Verizon Wireless tower case that was received recently.

## FARM MARKET

Township resident Denise Matteni proposed having a farm market in downtown Waters across from the township hall. She has received interest from 12 to 14 vendors. She would be willing to oversee this project and would like to start next year. A motion was made by M. Brown to allow Denise to further look into this idea. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the township hall. Johnson was asked to attend and give suggestions on the cemetery.

## ROAD REPORT

We have received an agreement from the road commission for work on Opal Lake Road. It is for 0.42 miles of drainage improvement, ditching slope restoration grade and compact after limestone for

approximately twenty feet wide for an estimated cost of \$23,925.00. A motion was made by Wagar and seconded by Johnson to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

#### RAILS TO TRAILS

A study is being proposed to look into creating a nonnotarized pathway on railroad right of way from the county line in Otsego Lake Township running through Bagley Township and extending through town. C2AE has offered to do the study for a cost of \$15,000.00. This would be split three ways between the two townships and the county. A motion was made by Johnson to pay \$5000.00 for the study. Seconded by J. Brown. Motion carried. A motion was made by Markovich to amend the budget and add a line item for this purpose. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

Comments heard for the good of the township. Next meeting regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 and begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Public Hearing for the Special Assessment for Fire Protection. Regular meeting to follow. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.