

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, JULY 16, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and twelve audience members.

**CLERKS REPORT**

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the minutes of the last meeting with correction to cost of Foothills Trails estimated construction should be \$471,944.00 instead of the stated 471.94.. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by J Brown to pay bills for the General Fund of \$24,162.01, Fire Fund \$3,202.56 and Trash Fund \$16,606.90. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$935,847.77
Receipts	1,518.32
Disbursements	44,052.28
Ending Balance	\$893,313.81

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$318,025.07
Receipts	53.92
Disbursements	8,442.68
Ending Balance	\$309,636.31

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,814.22
Receipts	12.80
Disbursements	829.73
Ending Balance	\$ 997.29

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$136,149.83
Receipts	5.18
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$120,197.25

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

Scot Bicknell, representing Thunder Over Waters, asked the board for permission to use the township hall meeting room and township lot across from the hall for crafters and artists to display and sell their work on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. It was explained that there is a \$15.00 charge for non-profit organizations to use the hall. They are also asking for permission to have a fireworks display. A motion was made by J. Brown to give them permission to put on a fireworks show on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Seconded by M. Brown. Motion carried. They will have to have a permit signed by the board before they can proceed with the fireworks.

Architect Tony Esson explained that there were no bids on the township hall porch remodel. We do not have to rebid the package. Esson will try to find contractors but most are busy. The project may have to be rebid with a construction date of next spring because it seems everyone is already scheduled for construction this summer.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker. There were twelve calls for the month of June with six missed. Gaylord Fire Department will be having FFI and FFII course beginning October 1, 2015. There are lights that need replacing at the fire hall. Contacted Consumers Power about rebate programs for updating the lighting to more energy efficient lighting.

## ROADS

Wagar has heard from the Otsego County Road Commission that they may not be doing Foothills Rd in Michaywe this year. They are in the process of compiling the cost for the three roads that the township would be paying for.

## CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly liquor establishments. Received a complaint about a yard sale on Gilbert Street. It seems to be an ongoing thing.

## TRUSTEE REPORT

M. Brown Trustee/Fire Liaison report on the sale of the 1986 Ford Pumper for the asking price of \$6,500.00. The fire department had members standing by at the Fly In at the airport in Gaylord over Father's Day weekend. Discussion arose as to pay for the members. Who requested the department to be there? Do we pay them per diem? No decision at this time.

Johnson has compiled information on roads open to ORV's. The only roads open in our township are Old 27, Old State, Marlette, Sherman and Viking. He has gotten costs of signs stating no ORV's. Compiled a map of spots to put the signs. Cost to do the entire township would be over \$3,000.00. He feels that in the beginning we could put them at six strategic locations around the area and see if they are effective. Johnson will get costs on just the six signs. Bradford Lake was treated for milfoil in June and on July 10, 2015 the water was tested and is safe for water vegetable gardens. Noticed the nets on the basketball courts need to be replaced. Also signs at the Nature Trail. Clerk will contact the owner of the welding shop on 27 in Waters and ask him to mow the property.

## Parks and Recreation Report

The splash pad should have the finishing touches applied on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Cemetery Report

Landscape Plus has submitted a bid of \$1,000.00 to push back the overgrown brush from the east and west sides of the cemetery. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by Johnson to allow Landscape Plus to do the work for the stated price. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

The township received a request from a resident of Heart Lake requesting that a road be vacated. There is an amended plat. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the vacating of the road after he reads the package and the amended plat and is satisfied that everything is correct and legal. Seconded by J. Brown, M. Brown opposed, motion carried.

The water at the township hall needs to be retested. After we get the results we will have to make a decision on how to proceed due to the high nitrate levels that showed up during the last tests. Wagar will speak to a well driller and have him give up advice on what action we need to take.

The Ford Pumper at the fire hall has been sold for the asking price of \$6,500.00. Wagar was given permission to sign the title over to the new owner.

A request was made by Thunder Over Waters Committee member Bicknell to have the township pay for the porta johns for the festival. We will check to see if it would be a legal expenditure.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on August 20, 2015, at 7:00 P.m.