

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET HEARING AND MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2015**

The public hearing for the budget for fiscal year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Reviewed budget and answered questions from audience. Public Hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and ten audience members. Including Lisa McComb and Regan Quaal from the Otsego County Economic Alliance, and Scott Matley of Area Waste.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of March 16, 2015. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by Johnson to the General Fund of \$20,268.09, Fire Fund \$5,859.65, and trash fund of \$15,957.76. Motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown to adopt the budget for the General Fund for fiscal year April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 by cost center. Seconded by J. Brown. Motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson to adopt the Fire Fund Budget by cost center for fiscal year 2015 thru 2016, seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson to adopt the Trash fund budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 by cost center was made by Johnson and seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A resolution to set the salaries and pay scales of Otsego Lake Township was read into the record by Clerk Markovich. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Johnson and seconded by M. Brown. Roll call vote; Johnson, yes; Markovich, yes; Wagar, yes; J. Brown, yes and M. Brown, yes. All ayes, motion to adopt the resolution to set the salaries carried. The resolutions to set the salaries of the individual board members were read into the record. Supervisor annual salary set at \$20,029.00. Motion to adopt the resolution made by M. Brown and seconded by J. Brown. Roll call vote; M. Brown, aye; J. Brown, aye, Wagar, aye; Markovich, aye; and Johnson, aye. All ayes, resolution adopted. Clerk salary \$27,342.00, motion to adopt resolution made by Johnson and seconded by M. Brown. Roll call vote; J. Brown, aye; Wagar, aye; Markovich, aye; Johnson, aye; and M. Brown, Aye. Motion to adopt resolution carried. Treasurer salary \$27,342.00, motion to adopt resolution made by Johnson and seconded by Markovich. Roll call vote; Markovich, aye; Johnson, aye; Wagar, aye; J. Brown, aye; and M. Brown, aye. Motion to adopt resolution carried. Trustees (2) \$4,045.00 each per year. Motion to adopt resolution made by T. Wagar, seconded by J. Brown. Roll call vote; M. Brown, aye, Johnson, aye, Markovich, aye, Wagar, aye and J. Brown, aye. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$821,193.94
Receipts	11,908.87

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$195,387.96
Receipts	264.75

Disbursements 20,795.18
Ending Balance \$812,307.63

Disbursements 5,464.64
Ending Balance \$190,188.07

TAX ACCOUNT

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance \$390,707.78
Receipts 811,537.04
Disbursements 566,326.89
Ending Balance \$635,917.93

Beginning Balance \$ 57,406.93
Receipts 3.60
Disbursements 15,957.76
Ending Balance \$ 41,453.07

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

Scott Matley of Area Waste explained that the reason for the pickup times being later was because of the "Frost Laws" in the county.

Lisa McComb and Regan Quaal of the Otsego County Economic Alliance explained how the organization helps communities attract business to the area. They also help to open home based businesses and would be willing to offer ideas for establishing the proposed farmers market for our township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Tucker reported that there were twenty-one calls for February. Six EMS, 9 fire calls and 6 missed calls. 521 is now back in service after repairs to some faulty wiring. Tucker met with a representative from Insurance Service Office which sets insurance ratings for fire departments. At the present time we have a 9/10 which is the bottom rating. It could be four months before the representative gets back with us to see if we have any improvement.

CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Still working with county on ordinance violations.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Johnson questioned the status of the web site. After discussion it was decided to invite M. Black, Dep Clerk to bring her proposal to the next township meeting in April.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by Chair Annis. The commission is going to be working with Kyle Robinson on updating our Master Plan. He is the author of the NEMCOG report. Will also look into procedures for bringing important issues to the township board to be considered before forwarding to the county planning commission.

PARK COMMITTEE

Report presented by Markovich. We are working to get bids from other security companies to submit to the board. Would like to have everything in place in order to submit the information for to be considered to a grant from our insurance carrier Burnham & Flower. We still plan on going ahead with the splash pad installation. We are working on electrical bids. We also need bids on a paver walkway at the DAV Memorial. Our next meeting will be April 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the township park weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS

The street light that was damaged should be installed sometime in April.

A motion was made by Wagar to approve signing the contract for the next fiscal year with the Otsego County Economic Alliance and contributing \$1,450.00 which is Otsego Lake Townships share. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Wagar reported that he has heard from Tom Deans of the Otsego County Road Commission and they will not be partnering with any townships to do road construction this year. Roads to be done with millage money are Van Tyle, Dickerson to No. Otsego Lake Drive and Gingell.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2015.

