

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
CORRECTED MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

The public hearing for the Fire Department Special Assessment District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Questions and concerns were heard from the audience. Stults questioned who signs the L4029 used for setting the millage rate for the township for the year. The issue of paying our firemen for standing by at events such as the air show and Thunder over Waters was discussed. For the air show in Gaylord, a maximum of three members and one truck were used for the three days. reimbursement would be a stipend and not hourly pay. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and sixteen audience members.

**CLERKS REPORT**

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown to approve paying bills for the General Fund of \$20,606.71, Fire Fund \$4,938.32 and bills for Trash Fund of \$15,957.76. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$899,697.46
Receipts	7,204.31
Disbursements	41,193.20
Ending Balance	\$865,708.57

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$312,238.54
Receipts	103.94
Disbursements	3,912.21
Ending Balance	\$308,430.27

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$225,129.16
Receipts	578,271.68
Disbursements	417,221.05
Ending Balance	\$386,179.79

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$104,140.95
Receipts	4.01
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$ 88,187.20

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried. A question was asked by resident Sensabaugh whether Heart Lake Association paid for the use of the hall in 2014. Will check into the matter.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report presented by Chief Tucker. There were 24 runs for the month of August with eight missed calls. One new member began MFR class on September 14<sup>th</sup> and will have his final test on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Hose testing will be done on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Tucker will be attending a MTA seminar "Emerging Issues in Emergency Services at Frankenmuth on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be purchasing new LED lights for the Quad

for \$252.02. We have received a price from Time Energy of \$2,016.50 to replace fire helmets for members. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by Johnson to approve purchasing the helmets for the stated price. Motion carried.

#### CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections of establishments. Board reviewed and initialed reports. There were no complaints reported this month.

#### NOISE/NUISSANCE ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION

Mr. & Mrs. John Kaiser explained their side of the flag pole noise dispute. It has been going on all summer with many requests to neighbor to take action to stop the clanging. Another neighbor was present and supported them. Wagar asked the planning commission to look into the possibility of a noise/nuisance ordinance.

#### TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brown received a letter from a resident on Chub Lake on the boat launch. As this is a public boat launch it was suggested contacting the DNR or the Otsego County Road Commission. A request to ask Paul Miliken, Landscape Plus not park his equipment over their septic tank at the fire hall. A request was received to ask past member ~~Fox~~ Shelly to return equipment belonging to station 6. Also, need to talk to Architect Esson concerning plans to correct the water leakage at the fire hall.

Trustee Johnson reported that Walleyes planted in Bradford Lake are thriving. The Pancake Breakfast at the Keg for Thunder Over Waters brought in \$1,400.00. Cost of fireworks was \$5,000.00 It was suggested by member of the Otsego Lake Association that perhaps both organizations could work together on raising funds and planning fireworks. The contract has been signed for the porch reconstruction at the township hall. They will be starting work any day. Updated us on the No ORV signs that will be placed at strategic points in the township. A motion was made by Johnson stating that he does not agree with the email sent by the supervisor in the flag pole noise dispute and read at the meeting last month. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by member Johnson. The Otsego County Zoning Board of Appeals recently granted a variance for a zero foot rear setback along the I-75 corridor. This could affect future zoning in Otsego Lake Township. Worked with Stults on updating the Master Plan. This should take about six months.

#### PARKS AND RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

The report was given by member Markovich. The splash pad was a huge success. Johnson will purchase a replacement net for the basketball hoop. The township will reimburse him.

#### CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Report given by member Corfis. Work will begin on the restoration of historical headstones at the cemetery. Brown contacted attorneys at MTA who advised that this is a legal expenditure. They will

begin work restoring the headstones, weather permitting. Northwood Plumbing & Heating will look into the rear water timer and provide suggestions to repair or replace it.

Residents from Michaywe road board thanked the township for all of the roads that have been fixed in the subdivision. When Foothills is completed most of the problem roads will be done.

The General Fund budget cost center for Hall Improvements will need to be amended by \$35,000.00. We had budgeted \$50,000.00 for work on the west entrance, but the bid came in at \$81,535.00 plus \$950.00 for bonding. A motion was made by Markovich to amend the budget by the stated amount and take the money from Contingency. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

A resolution was read into the record to set the operating millage to be assessed for the Fire Protection Special Assessment District at 1.05 mils, generating \$151,595.27 for operations for the April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 fiscal year. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by M. Brown to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote; Johnson-aye, Markovich-aye, Wagar-aye, J. Brown-aye, and M. Brown-aye. All ayes, motion to adopt resolution carried.

Request from Leo Sensabaugh to include residents name and issue for public comments. Provided the board with a written sample motion. A motion was made by M. Brown to include names and comments of residents who speak during public comment. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Township resident Backenstose stated that she was extremely upset over an email read at the last township meeting concerning a neighborhood dispute sent by Wagar to another township resident. Some of the language is not appropriate for a township official to be sending in answer to an ongoing complaint. Resident Stults complained about the Farmers Market signs around the township. They are against the law need to be removed. He also would like the township to check into ownership of the DAV property. Wagar will look into these two complaints and take action and report back at the next meeting. Stults also commended the board on condemning the email sent by Supervisor Wagar. Resident William Hansen would like the township to consider putting in a sidewalk from Lake Shore Drive to Old US 27 South. Perhaps there are grants that could be looked into. Also would like to see run off improved for Little Bradford.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2015.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk  
Otsego Lake Township