

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES APRIL 21, 2016**

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. Members present; Supervisor Tom Wagar, Trustee Gary Johnson, Clerk Lorraine Markovich and Constable Mike Coutant. Absent; Treasurer Jerry Brown and Trustee Mary Brown. Also present fifteen audience members including Lisa McComb, Regan Quaal and Nick Florian from the Economic Alliance.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Wagar to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016 regular board meeting and the special meeting of April 15, 2016. Motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Wagar to approve paying bills for the month of April 2016 for the General Fund of \$20,356.77, Fire Fund \$11,586.44, and Trash Fund of \$15,957.76. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$674,746.13
Receipts	36,094.22
Disbursements	26,033.05
Ending Balance	\$684,807.30

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$256,965.51
Receipts	5,954.45
Disbursements	15,568.86
Ending Balance	\$247,351.10

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 40,203.09
Receipts	1.81
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$ 24,246.51

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$577,880.28
Receipts	36,413.70
Disbursements	195,822.32
Ending Balance	\$418,471.66

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Markovich to approve the treasurer's report as of March 31, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker. Air pack testing was done by Douglas Safety Equipment, and fit testing for personnel was conducted. Ordering items from Time Emergency for the 50/50 DNR Grant. Discussed hiring a grant writer to write and submit applications. He charges \$500 plus 5% of the total grant when awarded. If the grant is not awarded to us he receives no payment. The department has looked into purchasing a used 2008 Ford F250 ambulance. Cost is \$56,000.00 plus shipping and handling. A 16 point inspection has been completed on the vehicle and everything was satisfactory. The vehicle is in Bakersfield, CA and will have to be shipped. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the purchase of the vehicle and approve spending up to \$60,000 including the cost of shipping. Seconded by Wagar, motion carried. The present rescue vehicle will be put up for sale. The department has one new member Aaron Blaine, he was a member of the Frederic Fire Department for many years.

Otsego County Economic Alliance representatives Lisa McComb, Executive Director, Regan Quaal, Chairman and Nick Florian Board of Director were present to update the board on what they have done to benefit the township in the past year. Our townships contribution for this service is \$1,450 per year. As two of the board members are absent there was no decision made at this meeting. The subject will be brought up again at the board meeting in May.

CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. There were two ordinance violation complaints this month. Excessive trash on the back deck and a messy yard. Both have been turned over to the County for action.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Johnson reported that the final inspection on the new construction at the township hall should be completed sometime next week. Met with Landscape Plus about repairing the landscape after construction putting in new landscaping and removing rotted timbers, putting in new edging and cloth and covering with drain stone as rain water falls off the new entryway on the west side of the township hall. Cost of this project is \$2,048.00. A motion was made by Wagar and seconded by Johnson to accept the bid as presented. Motion carried. There was no planning meeting this month.

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

The park committee met on April 13, 2016. Security cameras should be installed in the next couple of weeks. Splash pad will be ready for use by Memorial Day. Material for the Eagle Scout project will be provided to Quade and we will walk the nature trail with him. We will be getting estimates for wood chips for the trail. We are contacting Miracle Systems about the proposed Gravity Rail. Also if we have money left in our budget we will be doing landscaping at the DAV Memorial. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

OTSEGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Erma Backenstose updated the board on happenings at the county level.

OLD BUSINESS

Leo Sensabaugh, resident of the Dodge Lake area, presented a petition to the township board signed by residents of the township who live on Dodge Lake Road or use the road regularly and would like to see Dodge Lake Road added to the list of roads in Otsego Lake Township that are in need of being improved and ask that the township consider tarring and chipping Dodge Lake Road.

Denise Mateinni, resident of Guthrie Lakes and the person in charge of bringing the Farmers Market to our township expressed her concerns that the township is considering building a pavilion at the property behind the DAV Memorial and moving the market to that location. She has spoken with venders of the Farmers Market and they feel that moving it to that location would not be in the best interest of the Market. Both Denise and the venders feel that the property on the corner of Passenheim and 27 South would be a far better location. She discussed putting a pavilion on the 27 south property and a memorial garden and gazebo at the DAV Memorial. Events planned this year for the farmers market

include a car show, junk in the trunk, corn roast. Proceeds from these events would go to Friends of Waters.

Supervisor Wagar reported on information given by MTA attorney Catherine Mulhaupt concerning AMAR audits. She also stated that assessors must be hired employees of the township. She discussed changes coming to assessing in 2019. Wagar suggested that we hire an assistant for our assessor to help with the increased work load and feels it would be beneficial to have another person trained to assist Fred in some areas of assessing.

Supervisor Wagar introduced candidates that are running for office in the August 2, 2026 election and were in attendance at our meeting.

We have received a request from Burnham & Flower, our insurance carrier to accept or reject terrorism coverage. Cost of the insurance is \$82.00 per year. A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by Johnson to accept the coverage. Motion carried.

No comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be May 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.