

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, AUGUST 18, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 2011, with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and six audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting but correcting the name of the person who seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 23 Special Meeting meeting from Brown to Baker. The motion was seconded by Brown and carried. A motion was made by Brown to approve paying the bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$148,825.59, Fire Fund \$23,861.07, and correcting the Trash Fund to \$15,441.00. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,364,227.85
Receipts	49,020.42
Disbursements	37,654.09
Ending Balance	\$1,375,594.18

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,346.91
Receipts	455,419.94
Disbursements	255,415.84
Ending Balance	\$231,351.04

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 289,131.35
Receipts	1,534.23
Disbursements	\$ 11,401.42
Ending Balance	\$ 279,264.16

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$119,427.77
Receipts	23.18
Disbursements	15,141.00
Ending Balance	\$104,309.95

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been twenty-eight runs this past month. Fire training was on highway safety and EMS training will be on CPR. There are five people attending the MFR class which will be finished in two weeks. The board Okayed having a truck in the Lovell's parade and also Thunder Over Waters. Chief Shelly would like to attend a seminar in Traverse City on September 28th on effective leadership skills. Cost of the class is \$99.00. Board gave permission to attend the class and will send a check to cover cost of class. Chief Shelly would like the board to come up with some type of certificate to present to employers who allow their employees to leave work to answer fire and ems runs. Perhaps a glass framed certificate and possibly a picture of all the firefighters. We would need a list of employers. The annual hearing to set the operating millage for the fire department will be held

before the regular meeting on September 15th. After discussion it was decided to tentatively set the amount for the millage as it will appear in the notice published in the Herald Times Newspaper at 1.05 mills for an estimated income of \$152,320.00.

A motion to grant the permit for fireworks at Thunder Over Waters on September 4, 2011 was made by Brown. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Brown thanked trustee Baker for all the work he has done on the many projects already completed or in the works for the township and the fire department.

Baker reported on the progress of the siding at the township hall and the fire hall. Both projects are nearing completion. He also noted that the stairs, both front and back need repairing or to be replaced. The doors on the east side of the township hall also need to be replaced as are doors at the fire hall. Baker would like to attend a MTEC grant class on September 16 through October 21. Cost of the class is \$180.00

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

None

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no meeting held but we did get another bid on a well at the park. The two bids are from Hart Well Drilling & Excavating for \$6,888.40 and Bob's Well Drilling in the amount of \$6,605.00. After discussion and comparing the bids a motion was made by Markovich to have Hart Well Drilling do the well at the park for the stated amount. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. We are finishing up getting public input for the new parks and recreation plan. Have one more association meeting to attend and then compile and finish work on the plan.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

There will be a memorial dedication to veterans of all wars held at the township cemetery during Thunder Over Waters. The VFW Color Guard will be present for the dedication service. Next meeting will be September 1st at the township hall at 5:30 p.m.

ROAD COMMISSION REPORT

We have received a new contract from the Otsego County Road Commission for Mancelona Road. The new cost is \$119,421.00. A motion was made by Baker to accept the new contract cost and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

The township would like to partner with Michaywe for a three way split with the township, road commission and Michaywe to undertake some road repairs. Also would like to do some work in

the Guthrie Lakes Area. Also would like to get a list from the road commission of the worst roads in our township.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose would like the township to consider appointing an enforcement officer.

OLD BUSINESS

We have received a request from the county to take participate in the county wide recycling plan which would cost all residential units 20 to 25 dollars each year as an assessment on their taxes. Our township residents already pay \$84.00 per year for curb side trash pickup of which some of this trash is recycled at the company's site. After discussion a motion was made by Baker not to take part in the county recycling program. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

We need to begin the process for the special assessment for Bradford Lakes Association for eliminating milfoil weed in the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

The township hall is in need of a new server. The cost should be around \$2,200.00. We also need to upgrade our internet speed. The cost for this is about \$5.00 per month.

Scot Bicknell gave the board an update on Thunder Over Waters.

The tables at the hall are in need of replacing. The board gave permission to purchase ten tables and a cart to store them for \$1,867.90.

The board decided to take no action at this time on taking steps to become a Charter Township.

Comments heard for the good of the township. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on September 15, 2011 and begin with a Public Hearing on Fire Assessment at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

