

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES & BUDGET HEARING
March 17, 2011**

The budget hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Questions were heard from the audience. The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. and the regular monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and nine audience members. A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to pay the bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$16,322.29, Fire Fund \$9,727.45 and the Trash Fund of \$15,141.00. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

A motion was made by Baker to approve the April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 budget for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Trash Fund by cost center. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion to adopt the salary resolution for the township was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to adopt the resolution setting the salary of the Supervisor at \$19,065.00; roll call vote; all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Baker to adopt the resolution setting salary of the Clerk at \$26,025.00; roll call vote; all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. A motion was made by Brown to adopt the resolution setting the salary of the Treasurer at \$26,025.00; roll call vote; all ayes, motion to adopt the resolution carried. A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Markovich to adopt the resolution setting the salary of the Trustees (2) at \$3,850.00 each. Roll call vote; all ayes, resolution carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Shelly was not in attendance. A short update was given by Fire Liaison Brown.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,336,909.37
Receipts	54,175.51
Disbursements	18,572.71
Ending Balance	\$1,372,512.17

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$164,348.81
Receipts	882,423.60
Disbursements	759,102.47
Ending Balance	\$287,669.94

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 171,703.80
Receipts	298.03
Disbursements	10,057.52
Ending Balance	\$ 161,944.31

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$115,130.67
Receipts	20.62
Disbursements	16,229.61
Ending Balance	\$ 99,921.68

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to approve the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Gary Johnson, President of the Bradford Lake Association addressed the board about the problem of Eurasian Milfoil that is present in Big Bradford Lake. The association is trying to find ways to raise funds to fight the problem. At present they have collected approximately \$1,700.00 in donations. The lake is situated in Crawford and Otsego Counties. Possibilities would be to set up a Lake Board, which is made up of members from both counties. Another would be to by special assessment. Supervisor Wagar explained the procedure for a special assessment. Letters of support need to be received from a majority of property owners. No decision was made at this time; this will be looked at by the association.

TRUSTEES REPORT

No report from Brown. Baker presented a proposal from Butcher & Associates to prepare a visual conception of how new siding would look on the fire hall. Cost to be \$500.00. A motion was made by Brown to hire Butcher & Associates to present renderings of siding at the fire hall not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Jacobs, Baker abstained, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No meeting held, they will be looking at an ordinance to confirm the establishment of a planning commission and will bring it to the board in the future.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

We have received an application from a prospective new member. Her name is Marcia Taylor and lives on Heart Lake. A motion was made by Brown to appoint M. Taylor to the Park Committee to fill the term vacated by P. Alexander that expires on December 31, 2012. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

There is a vacancy on the Board of Review. It is an alternate position that was left vacant when Joan Elenz resigned and our alternate Gary Grieger was appointed to fill that position. A motion was made by Baker to appoint Mr. Johnson to serve as an alternate member on the Board of Review, seconded by Brown, motion carried.

CONSTABLES REPORT

Reports reviewed by the board. Michaywe is going to apply for Sunday morning liquor sales. DJ's has already been approved. Everything checked out during monthly inspections.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on the Rotary Club park project that is proposed for the old DNR property. There are two barrels below the surface of the ground that no one knows what is in them and they need to be removed. They will be looking into the liability associated with this.

OLD BUSINESS

Wagar reported on happenings at the Otsego County Township Officers Association meeting. The next meeting of the association will be held at our township hall on May 17th.

The township board is scheduled to meet with the Otsego County Road Commission on Monday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Meeting adjourned at 8:35, next regular meeting will be held on April 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.