

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

The public hearing for the Special Assessment for Fire Protection was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The assessment was explained and questions from the audience were heard and answered.

The Public Hearing for the Special Assessment District No. 1 for trash collection was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 35 audience members were in attendance. The procedure was explained and questions were answered. A motion was made by Brown to adopt Resolution No. 2 to go forward with the plans for township wide trash collection. Seconded by Baker. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion to adopt Resolution No. 2 passed. A motion was made to adopt resolution No. 3 setting the date for the second public hearing for trash collection on October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. by Baker, seconded by Brown, roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion to adopt the resolution passed. Hearing adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present and eight audience members. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting held on September 10, 2009. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,086,576.90
Receipts	18,626.58
Disbursements	19,941.18
Ending Balance	\$1,085,262.30

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$239,605.13
Receipts	316,639.75
Disbursements	386,837.36
Ending Balance	\$169,407.52

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 181,913.89
Receipts	112.58
Disbursements	18,650.17
Ending Balance	\$ 163,376.30

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$112,501.75
Receipts	18.50
Disbursements	15,738.80
Ending Balance	\$ 96,781.45

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to continue collecting the 1% PTAF, after discussion it was passed by a 3 to 2 vote. In favor were Brown, Jacobs and Wagar, against Markovich and Baker. A motion was made by Jacobs to set the operating millage for the township at the maximum allowed under the Headlee Rollback. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

The Waters Business Group has expressed interest in decorating the light poles for Christmas. The township board would like to see them decorated but if possible using another company. Wagar will discuss with the business group to see if there is someone else we could get the decorations from.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Having had a hearing for the Fire Department Special Assessment for Township Wide Fire Protection and a resolution read by the clerk to determine the millage to be assessed at 1.05% to raise monies of \$164,137.00. A motion was made by Brown to adopt the resolution and seconded by Baker. Roll call vote; all ayes, no nays. Motion to adopt the resolution passed.

Fire department report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been sixteen runs this last month, eleven of which were EMS runs. Two new fire fighters have been hired this month. There are four members attending classes, two MFR and two EMT. The fire department members donated more than ninety hours during Thunder Over Waters.

Baker reported on the hydrant at Opal Lake. The trees still need to be removed to make it easier for the trucks to turn around after taking on water. Landscape Plus has presented a bid of \$2,400 to take down the trees. It was suggested that we contact the County Road Commission and see if they would remove them as it is in the road right of way. In case the road commission will not remove the trees a motion was made to have Landscape Plus remove the trees for the quoted price of \$2,400. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown to approve payment of bills for the General Fund of \$48,945.64 but holding onto the check from Alpine Web for \$36.00 to update the web site to allow Baker to check and see if it is correct. Fire Fund bills of \$6,503.18 and Trash Fund of \$17,323.74. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by Chair Wohlfeil. The committee met at the township park on September 8th. The baseball diamond is nearly finished being refurbished, and the basketball court should be finished in a few days. The committee will be building bird houses on Tuesday, September 22 at the park. Still checking on getting woodchips for the nature trail. Perhaps we can get Stuckman to make a donation of chips to the township. The light is still not working properly at the park, need to look into this and a gap in the new fence at the baseball diamond. Also need to check on a fence around the well sight at the nature trail and liability to the township where the well is concerned. The park committee worked on recommendations for projects for the revised Recreation Plan and presented them to the board. Baker reported that our prospect of being approved for the grant for restrooms at the park is looking very promising. It would be helpful if we could get letters from handicapped park users.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Report presented by member Brown. The entrances on both sides of the cemetery are finished and look very nice. The next meeting of the committee will be November 5, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the township hall. Brown read a resolution for an Agreement and License In Regard to Use of Roadway between the township and Brian and Amber Theriault. This agreement does not mention any liability protection for the township. A motion was made by Brown to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement after contacting the attorney to see if it needs to have liability issues included in the agreement. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by planning chair Stults. Reviewed minutes of last meeting. The planning commission began work on the interchange zoning district. Next meeting will be October 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Brown has had some requests for the possibility of paying taxes on line by a credit/debit card. Treasurer will check and report back to the board.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Report by Backenstose. Commissioners are still working on the budget for the county.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ferrigan, County Planning and Zoning Administrator, estimates costs for operating the zoning department will be \$106,000 annually. The county can no longer fund this department and is considering asking townships to share in the cost to operate this department. Our share would be somewhere around \$18,000. If the townships do not agree to share in the cost of funding zoning the task may be turned over to individual townships. A meeting will be held on September 23rd at county building at 1:30 p.m. to discuss possible changes to the way the county planning and zoning department is funded. Board members are encouraged to attend the meeting on September 23rd.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Next meeting will begin with the Public Hearing No. 2 for Special Assessment District No. 1 for township wide trash collection at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2009. The regular meeting will begin after the public hearing.

