

Otsego Lake Township Special Meeting

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2023

The Otsego Lake Township meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 12:00 p.m. by Supervisor Matelski.

Rollcall: Board members present: J Bergel; J Brown; D Matelski; M Bown; D Pallarito

Also present: Parliamentarian Randy Stults

Guest: 2

Conflicts of interest: None

ARPA Funds: Supervisor Matelski discussed options to pay for a new fire truck. We could possibly increase the millage needed or finance the purchase if necessary. We have an immediate need for FD building purchase and cemetery parking area. Each board member was asked to pick 3 projects for ARPA funds.

Denise Pallarito 1. Fire Hall 2. Cemetery 3. Floating dock on Bradford Lake

Mary Brown 1. Cemetery, \$40,000. 2 Fire Department truck/building \$150,000 3. Park/Iron Belle Trail \$114,000

Jerry Brown 1. Fire Department building 2. Cemetery

Jeff Bergel 1. Fire Department building \$150,000 2. Fire Department truck \$150,000

Dave Matelski 1. FD building \$204,000 2. Cemetery \$50,000 3. Curbs/sidewalk \$15,000

There was a lot of discussion about what are the priorities in our township. Mary Brown still feels we should have a Public Hearing about spending ARPA funds. It was finally agreed the fire department building and cemetery are the top priorities. The closing on the building next to the fire hall is coming up soon and the cemetery needs expansion for parking as people drive on graves now and almost hit the headstones.

Denise Pallarito made a motion to spend the ARPA funds in the amount of \$244,000.00 for the Waters Garage property and spend \$60,000.00 for the cemetery expansion project; second by Mary Brown. All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Randy Stults mentioned there is a tent/camper on the Iron Belle Trail near Paul Milliken's property.

Maintenance: Some board members have had complaints about the garbage at the park being full and the mowing/weeds at the cemetery, also beer on lawn. After some discussion we feel the cameras may help with the garbage issue. It was suggested to have a complaint form available at the township hall for documenting issues for our records. Dave & Mary will review the maintenance contract and work on the next contract. Dave suggested having Denise be contact person for cemetery complaints and Jeff for park. Jerry asked if we are going to have someone for the fire department and someone for the township hall.....it is easier to have one or two for all complaints so not to have so many people calling Jeff Schermerhorn. It was then decided that the contact for all issues is the Supervisor (or his designee) and the Clerk.

Security cameras: Supervisor Matelski suggested putting 3 cameras at the cemetery, 4 at the park, and 1 at the Memorial Pavilion area facing east. (He was supposed to meet the sheriff department at the park

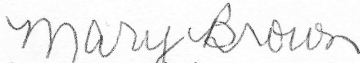
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to determine good locations, but they were no show). A quote had been presented at the township meeting July 20th. Denise Pallarito made a motion to purchase 8 cameras (two more than quoted) from Jay's Sporting Goods and having the monthly subscription while in use.; second by Jerry Brown. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Matelski signed the fireworks application for Thunder Over Waters, they will provide all required liability insurance to the township.

Adjourn at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Brown".

Mary Brown, Clerk

Special Meeting minutes approved by Township Board on August 17, 2023