

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING AND MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2012**

The Public Hearing for the special assessment for Bradford Lake was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Purpose of the hearing was to review the special assessment roll to be sure that you were not added in error. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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. All board members present and five audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting with corrections, seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to approve paying the bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,657.11, Fire Fund \$3,675.87 and Trash Fund of \$15,162.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,300,997.09
Receipts	40,408.89
Disbursements	17,583.92
Ending Balance	\$1,323,822.06

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$271,039.76
Receipts	638.51
Disbursements	65,610.72
Ending Balance	\$206,067.55

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 191,196.88
Receipts	23.02
Disbursements	10,061.60
Ending Balance	\$ 181,158.30

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 99,143.89
Receipts	11.79
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$ 83,993.68

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There have been 22 runs this reporting period with 7 missed calls. The average response time was six minutes plus. EMS training this month will be CPR and fire training was on hydrants. DNR grant has been filled, we need proof of purchase via copies of our cancelled checks in order to get reimbursed for items purchased. We have a new member, Tom Tuck, who lives on Lower Chub Lake Road.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown reported on the flag burning ceremony to be held on June 9th at the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery. The VFW will be conducting the ceremony.

Baker has compiled a report of statistics on visits to the Otsego Lake Township web site. The bid for new audio/visual equipment for the hall was presented to the board by I.COMM. The bid includes a projector, mount screen and wireless remote, 8 handheld wireless speakers and goosenecks stands and other items included to install and run the equipment plus labor and electrical work by Mikes Electric for a total of \$11,855.00. A motion was made by Brown to accept the bid by I.COMM for the stated amount. Seconded by Baker. Brown, Baker, Markovich and Wagar voted yes. Jacobs voted no. Motion carried. Baker has contacted Midland Glass to look at the doors at the township hall and the fire hall. They will be here next week to work up a bid for the doors. Also worked on the proposed sidewalks. Need to have someone look into fixing the steps on both the east and west entrances to the township hall. The survey is finished at the cemetery.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Report by member Baker. The commission accepted with regret the resignation of member Russell Gregg due to health reasons. Discussed whether the Billboard Ordinance needs to be modified, especially concerning directional signs. Reviewed the proposed Otsego County ordinance for Section 18.25 Mining, Gravel, Sand Clay, Top Soil, and Marl. Comments were sent to the County.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Report presented by member Markovich. We met on Monday, April 16th. Discussed the fitness equipment that we would like to purchase and where it should be installed. Will meet again in May at the park and decide about the walking path and make a decision on where the fitness equipment would be installed.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Report by member Brown. Meeting was held on April 5th. Discussed the plans for new blacktop for the road in the cemetery. Not all members are in favor of this project. Monies have been budgeted for this project for this fiscal year. Are there other projects that we might be better off spending our money? The parking situation needs to be improved. Our next meeting is May 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

There will be a proposal on the November ballot for countywide recycling. It will be for .25 mills and will be for all parcels of property. The plans at present are for five drop off sights around the county. Wagar presented a copy of Bagley Townships Nuisance Ordinance. He

would like to see Otsego Lake Township adopt one. Our planning commission will go over the ordinance to see if they can come up with a plan that would work for our township.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Backenstose brought up the request that was presented at the last Otsego County Township Officers Association meeting request from the Economic Alliance for townships to budget additional funding for 2013 to give to the alliance. Our proposed share would be \$1,450.00 which is an increase of \$1,000.00 over previous year's donations. The Board was concerned about what benefits the township would get for the additional monies. Also reminded the Township that we need to remember to budget for SANE and Planning and Zoning. The next officer's association meeting will be on May 15th at Chester Township Hall at 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk