

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES AND HEARING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

The hearing for the Special Assessment District for Fire Protection was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Questions heard and answered. The regular monthly meeting of the township board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and eight audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by M. Brown to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2013 meeting as presented. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$181,339.29, which includes the bill for road work in Guthrie Lakes and Michaywe of \$164,200.00, Fire Fund \$4,635.31 and Trash Fund of \$15,753.60. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. The resolution to determine millage to be assessed for the Fire Protection Special Assessment District was read by Clerk Markovich. The millage to be charged will be 1.05 mills and raise a total of \$151,666.00. A motion was made by M. Brown to adopt the resolution, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote; all ayes no nays, motion to adopt the resolution carried. We have received a bill from the road commission of \$26,950.00 for work done on Leighton, Gilbert and Pine Streets. A motion was made by Johnson to pay the bill for the stated amount, seconded by J. Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

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| Beginning Balance | \$1,156,296.67 |
| Receipts | 8,831.70 |
| Disbursements | 39,207.83 |
| Ending Balance | \$1,125,920.54 |

TAX ACCOUNT

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$141,936.19 |
| Receipts | 600,202.04 |
| Disbursements | 442,637.34 |
| Ending Balance | \$299,500.89 |

FIRE FUND

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 205,088.35 |
| Receipts | 117.23 |
| Disbursements | 3,547.31 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 201,658.27 |

TRASH FUND

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$106,713.55 |
| Receipts | 8.03 |
| Disbursements | 15,753.60 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 90,967.98 |

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as read, seconded by Markovich. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wagar to continue charging the 1% Property Tax Administration Fund. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Markovich to set the operating millage for the township at the amount allowed under the Headlee Rollback. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Brian Burns, President and CEO of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op is requesting a natural gas franchise be approved by the board. It is designated a thirty year irrevocable franchise and if the board approves the request it must be submitted to the electors of the township at the next regularly scheduled election. If not approved it is revocable. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by M. Brown to approve beginning the process. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR

A split was presented to the board for signatures. It is requested by Terri and Gerald Sorenson and is on Passenheim Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker and EMS Coordinator Fox. Work is being done on Policies and Procedures, and getting the fire software up and running. There is a need for a computer that can be used by Tucker and Fox. Cost would be \$1038.97. A motion was made by Johnson to purchase the computer, seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. There is a need to replace some emergency equipment carried on 521. Otsego Memorial Hospital will help in replacing this equipment. The equipment on the tower on Passenheim will be moved to the State Policy Tower in late spring or early summer. There is a need for a new foam educator, cost is \$706.95. Motion by M. Brown to purchase educator, second by Johnson motion carried. Also need to replace the security cameras at the fire hall. Cost should be two to three hundred dollars. A motion was made by Johnson to allow up to \$500.00 to replace outdated dvr system, seconded by M. Brown. Also looking into replacing the entry locks and putting in a card system. Will check into this further and bring results to the budget workshop in February.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Report presented by Constable Coutant. Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board signed reports. We will know by the end of the month if the IGA store will be closing.

TRUSTEES REPORT

M. Brown reported that she will be attending the Fire Protection class offered by MTA. Supervisor Wagar will also go to the class.

Johnson has ordered two new directional signs for the township park. They should be installed in the next week or so. There will be a meeting on September 23rd at the township hall at 7:00 p.m. to update residents of Bradford Lake, and anyone else interested, about the results of the milfoil treatment. Questioned the status of Rails to Trails. It was suggested that he contact Ed Doss, Phil Alexander or Jeff Radcliff.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The township planning commission recommended to the Otsego County Planning Commission the proposed Highway Interchange Zoning District as outlined by the Otsego lake Township Planning Commission.

Mr. Stults will no longer be the chair of the Otsego County Planning Commission, effective the end of the year.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No meeting was held and nothing new was decided. Trustee Johnson suggested that we hire a professional grant writer to help with writing a grant for the tennis courts. He will check with MTA, DNR and Jeff Radcliff.

CEMETERY REPORT

The class on headstone repair will be held on October 7th. The committee feels that a topographical survey needs to be done on the new property at the cemetery. A motion was made by M. Brown to allow the cemetery committee to hire someone to do the survey. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. We have received an application from Evelyn Fox to serve as an alternate member on the committee. A motion was made by Johnson to appoint Evelyn fox to the cemetery committee, seconded by J. Brown, motion carried.

Supervisor Wagar reported on the road work that was completed in Michaywe, Guthrie Lakes and the Pine Beach area.

Sam Smith reported on this year's Thunder Over Waters. It was a success, attendance was down some at the fireworks due to evening thunder storms. He stated that there will be an eighth year.

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.