

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES  
JULY 21, 2016**

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 sixteen audience members. Wagar explained some of the happenings involving the Rails to Trails project,

**CLERKS REPORT**

A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by G. Johnson to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016 regular meeting, and the special meeting of July 14, 2016. A motion was made by Johnson to pay bills for the General Fund of \$17,099.25, Fire Fund \$9,241.55 and Trash Fund \$15,957.76. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$809,238.58
Receipts	1,903.69
Disbursements	49,437.78
Ending Balance	\$761,704.49

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$319,451.50
Receipts	66.49
Disbursements	11,274.62
Ending Balance	\$308,243.37

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$136,150.68
Receipts	9.87
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$120,202.78

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,127.91
Receipts	.05
Disbursements	65.00
Ending Balance	\$ 1.062.96

A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as of June 30, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

A fireworks permit was received from Robert Holmes, of Thunder Over Waters. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by J. Brown to support Thunder Over Waters fireworks permit. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

There were a total of fifteen runs for the month of June 2016 with only two missed calls. New equipment is being installed on units 505 and 514 by CSI in Grayling. Carpet has been installed in the radio room at the fire hall. A request was presented to the board to purchase material to build lockers in the turn out room and hose drying racks. Estimated cost is \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by M. Brown to allow purchasing the material to build the racks at the estimated cost, but presenting an invoice before checks are cut. Motion carried.

## CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed reports. There were no ordinance complaints this month. The trailer on Dodge Lake Road is now gone. A letter from Vern Schwab to the owner got results.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

M. Brown reported that there are no bids to refurbish the bathrooms at the fire department. Will be getting bids soon.

G. Johnson invited everyone to the Bradford Lake Picnic on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Spoke to Matelski about a sidewalk on Passenheim Rd. He suggests that it be put on the south side and six feet away from the road. It would run from the railroad tracks to US 27. This is something that the township would be expected to pay for.

## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by Johnson. Commission worked on Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the master plan. Next meeting they will be reviewing Chapter 9.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Due to the popularity of the Gravity Rail, production is behind schedule. Consequently they are giving us two benches, installed for no cost to the township. We are still waiting for bids to come in for the pavilion, so no decision has been made. We do want to install it with electricity and water. We would also like to add a vault toilet in the vicinity next year.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Updated the board on what is going on at the county level.

## OLD BUSINESS

Maureen Alexander, who lives on Bridge Lake submitted petitions signed by 62% of residents to ask for a special watercraft control ordinance for wake restriction on Bridge Lake and Chub Lake from 7:30 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. A motion was made by Johnson to support the proposal and restrict high speed boating during those hours. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

J. Brown suggested that the board look into purchasing the property to the north of the township hall that is owned by Crudo. It could be used for parking for the Rails to Trails project and also provide more parking for elections and other large events at the township hall. After discussion no action was taken. Johnson asked if he could continue to get in touch with Sandy Morehouse concerning the land that she purchased from Schotte. He feels that this property would make a better parking area and could be used for events such as Thunder Over Waters. He will continue to try to get in touch with Morehouse with board approval. Board saw no problem with him looking into this.

Introduced candidates running for election in the August 2<sup>nd</sup> primary.

Fred Lindroth, our assessor would like to get a contract drawn up to hire two assistants to do up 1000 properties per year at \$25.00 per card. Each would be paid up to \$500.00 from now through the end of the year. M. Brown made a motion to allow Lindroth and the township to contract with two assistant assessors to update cards until the end of December 31, 2016 and to pay up to \$500.00 each. Seconded Johnson, motion carried. Wagar will contact our attorney and have him draw up a contract for services rendered.

There were no public comments heard. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will be August 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk  
Otsego Lake Township