

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
MAY 19, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and eleven audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 regular meeting, seconded by M. Brown, carried. A motion made M. Brown and seconded by Johnson to approve paying bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$31,672.98, Fire \$11,939.16 and trash \$15,957.76. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$684,807.30
Receipts	147,236.68
Disbursements	24,382.83
Ending Balance	\$807,661.15

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$247,351.10
Receipts	144,363.81
Disbursements	68,179.90
Ending Balance	\$323,535.01

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$418,471.66
Receipts	708.60
Disbursements	417,415.22
Ending Balance	\$ 1,765.04

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	24,246.51
Receipts	127,592.34
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$135,881.09

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by M. Brown. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were sixteen calls for the month of April with only 3 missed calls. The new truck has been delivered. We have a quote from New Century Signs for new graphics for the vehicle. Price quoted is \$1,483.86 plus \$100.00 to install for a total of \$1,583.86. We would also like to add two staffs of like and a Maltese cross. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by Johnson to approve spending up to \$2,000.00 to have the requested graphics done on the new vehicle. Motion carried. Two members have completed their FF I & II classes and will be testing on May 14, 2016. Member Nichol Booth spoke in favor of keeping our First Responder license. Renewal is in August of this year. We now have more EMT's and had fewer missed calls this month. Chief Tucker will monitor the situation and update the board the as to how things are going for the next couple of months.

CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

All establishments checked out during monthly inspections. There were no complaints filed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown stated that she feels that there are areas of the handicap ramp that are unsafe. There are sharp edges on the trim above the rail, the railing is loose, and there is siding that is not trimmed and needs to be fixed. Johnson has received an email from Ripman, he considers the items on his punch list as warranty items and he is requesting payment. A motion was made by Johnson to allow the clerk and treasurer to sign off on the items on the punch list and make payment if they feel the work has been completed satisfactorily. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. Brown feels that the Farmers Market should be at the property behind the DAV Memorial. It would be visible from the road. A pavilion built there would have many uses including the Farmers Market, compared to the limited space across from the Township Hall. Discussion followed on the pros and cons for either location. The Farmers Market vendors are still welcome to use the property on Passenheim and Old 27. Before considering any structure at that location resident Stults suggested we contact zoning regarding the number of parking spaces allowed on a piece of property of that size.

Johnson spoke to Dave Matalski about the water level of Bradford Lake. The road commission is going to repair the dam. Spoke with them concerning the possible side walk from Lake Shore Dr. to Old 27 South. They will look at what side of the street would work out better for installing a sidewalk. Johnson will speak to Vern at the County about the trailer that is in shambles at Dodge Lake. Also feels that the price that was voted on for hall rental is too high. Treasurer and clerk will work on a solution to this situation.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by member Johnson. Work is continuing on updating the Master Plan with Mr. Stults. Also worked on the Highway Interchange Ordinance. Reviewed the proposed ordinance for personal wireless services telecommunications towers.

CEMETERY REPORT

Election of officers was held and they are Evelyn Fox, Chairperson, Dianne Newman, Vice-Chairperson, and Nora Corfis, Secretary. Discussion on the proposed new pump house included difficulties in construction. M. Black will contact Building & Zoning for guidance to slab, footing requirements, electrical and plumbing for an 8 x 10 concrete building. Improvements to the driveway will be postponed until after the June 6, 2016 meeting.

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Reported on the status of the security cameras. A box will have to be built under the roof of the pavilion as there is not enough room to put it in the vault toilet ceiling. Fence along road needs to be mended and fix the ground erosion. Will be working on baseball diamond, merry-go-round and lock fixed on the vault toilet. Also discussed concerns about moving the Farmers Market to the park. After discussion it was agreed that the committee recommend to the board that a pavilion be constructed on the Memorial property. Work on the Nature Trail will be starting soon. We are still working to update our Recreational Plan. We have contacted Stuckman about purchasing wood chips for the Nature Trail. Cost is \$300.00 for 15 yards. We will be getting bids for the pavilion and prep work at the memorial property.

ROAD PROJECTS

Wagar read a list of roads and costs provided by the road commission. Included are all the roads in the Little Village, Lombard, and Dodge Lake Rd. Total cost is estimated at \$170,000.00. Wagar will email list to board. A motion was made by M. Brown to spend \$170,000 to fix the above listed roads. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Backenstose updated the board on events at the county level and also reported on the proposed millage for the library that will be on the ballot this fall.

OLD BUSINESS

The board needs to vote on whether we will be contributing to the Otsego County Economic Alliance. Total cost for this year is \$1,450.00. A motion was made by Johnson to contribute to the alliance. Seconded by Wagar. Wagar and Johnson voted the motion. M. Brown, J. Brown and Markovich voted against the motion. Motion failed.

The board needs to meet with our assessor and discuss the future of assessing in our township.

No comments were heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Next regular meeting will be June 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

