

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2022

The Otsego Lake Township meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7PM by Supervisor Matelski. All board members were present, there were 11 guests.

Also present: Fire Chief Dale Tucker & Constable Mike Coutant

Conflicts of Interest: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Supervisor Update: Dave reported issues on 27 with people illegally parking on side of road to walk into the state park when their parking is full. Will ask the Sheriff to advise park employees to not tell people to park there. There are still issues on Kelly St with people putting another dock on the water. The tar/chip that was done on Mancelona Rd is not holding up, the Road Commission indicated they are aware of the issue, and they are currently looking into it. The issue with the grass in front of the Waters Motel could possibly be done with help from the Road Commission cutting down the dirt hump as it's in their right of way. Then we would be able to just get cement poured there. Dave will get bids on the concrete. The spill ways at Old State Road are being cleaned this week.

Meeting Minutes presented by Mary Brown for June 16, 2022. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to accept the June minutes as presented; second by Jerry Brown; **MOTION CARRIED**

Township Bills were presented by Mary Brown with a total amount of \$85,783.85 (THIS INCLUDED THE SUPPLEMENT AMOUNT OF \$4,760.00). **(The turn out gear ordered 7 months ago finally arrived)**. Motion made by Gary Johnson to pay the presented bills; second by Jerry Brown; **MOTION CARRIED**.

A lot of cemetery lots have been sold this year and I am finding a lot of mistakes in our records. Joan Elenz has been going to the cemetery on her own time to verify information to make corrections in our software and paper records. The Clerk's office has mailed out over 870 AV Ballot Applications with about 570 ballots being mailed out so far. Pat Kaiser has been assisting a lot with this process and I thank her and Joan for their help.

Motion was made by Mary Brown to remove the added duties of light maintenance work from the work duties of our Zoning Enforcement Officer (Mike Coutant). It is now being done by our township maintenance person, Jeff. Second by Jerry Brown, Mary will locate or write job description for Mike, **AMMENDED MOTION TO INCLUDE THIS. MOTION CARRIED**

Mary Brown requested the Board allow her Deputy to continue working through the election, Board approved.

Dianne Newman had requested she be given permission to continue her researching historical documents for our cemetery. This was provided in the past. A letter was read (and mailed to her) allowing Dianne to continue.

A property owner that rented the park requested we refund her \$20.00 as she paid nonresident price. The Board discussed and agreed the resident rate applies to people that live here, not property owners.

APPROVED

BY: Board DATE: 8-18-22

Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Brown.

Motion made by Gary Johnson to accept the Treasurer's report for June 30, 2022, second by Denise Pallarito. **MOTION CARRIED**

Jerry Brown presented a quote from BS&A on Cloud storage for our computers. This would provide for more consistent remote access that is used by the Treasurer, Clerk and Assessor. Bobbi & Jerry use this a lot to be able to assist taxpayers and different companies that call them both for documents. We currently get knocked off and it requires you to drive back to the hall to reboot the system. This system is a secured cloud storage. The total cost initially is \$10,410.00. Because the quote came in right before this meeting, we will discuss next month at our board meeting to make any discission and it will require a budget amendment.

FIRE & EMS REPORT 33 Calls, 18 EMS, 12 Fire, 3 Missed Calls. Average enroute time of 16.10 minutes. Erick and Bobby are scheduled for re-test on August 5th in Grayling, we wish them both luck. Dale presented a bid to purchase No Parking signs and Fire Danger signs for the front of the Fire Hall. Motion made by Mary Brown to allow the Fire Chief to purchase the signs for \$785.06, second by Denise Pallarito. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mary thanked Dale and the FD for swapping their meeting date to accommodate her election day. A big thank you to the prompt action taken by FD members on our rescue boat, their fast action probably saved a lot of money on repairs to the boat!

CONSTABLE REPORT: MIKE COUTANT, all establishments were complying.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: MIKE COUTANT, one complaint to report on camp sites on Passenheim Rd. He followed up with the Zoning Department and they shut it down.

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE Mike Coutant said the trail head project still is waiting for approval by the DNR but should be soon. He is waiting on a bid for the new vault toilet and slides. No update on the ordered bike rack and exercise equipment. Mike presented quotes to do the GPS mapping of the walking trail. Motion by Mary Brown to approve the bid for \$750.00 from NME Engineering, second by Gary Johnson. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mike Coutant said there is slime on the splash pad that needs to be cleaned with bleach. Jeff said he was told by the company to not use bleach on it as it is made with recycled rubber. He will get it cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry said the vault toilet at the park is getting pumped out.

OLD BUSINESS: None

TRUSTEE REPORT:

1. Gary Johnson said the Bradford Lake picnic will be held at the Township Park on July 30th at 1:00 pm. Robin had removed three hanging baskets and two of them are back hanging and doing pretty good. The basketball court has been re-stripped, Gary was asked if they would consider a Pickle Ball court.
2. Denise Pallarito went to Otsego Lake Association meeting. They have hired a scientist to analyze the lake to determine what materials are on the bottom. The scientist said that Otsego Lake is one of the cleanest lakes he's ever seen. The association is working very hard so they can try to get grants for cleanup. Denise talked about concerns on a tree at the cemetery and the parking

issues we have there for funerals. She reports that our fire department had three trucks in the Alpenfest Parade and thanked the fire department for participating. Repairs will start in August on Marlette Rd; Denise is concerned about damage currently on that road. Enbridge has a grant program for First Responders that may help with purchasing a fire truck, she is researching that and would like to continue moving forward.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Rob Pallarito has received a lot of correspondence from residents about the drain issue on Otsego Lake. Rob will be attending a meeting August 2nd with the Department of Defense about Camp Grayling

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Denise Pallarito would like a meeting at the township hall to discuss the Camp Grayling expansion and get input from residents, the DNR & Camp Grayling.

Rebecca Latuszek gave information on the hiring process with the Otsego County Administrators position last week, has concern on how it was done and the way the candidates were selected for interviewing. She encouraged everyone to watch the news clip on TV 9&10.

Tim Olexsey had written a complaint about the campground on Passenheim Rd. #1. Did they get permits? #2. Is it legal? Now he can't sell his home because of the issues with the rental at that location and all the people there, a lot of foul language. He had to run his generator and power washer all night to be able to not hear it.

Jerry Brown said there was talks about the issues with short term rentals when he was at an MTA meeting recently.

Jeff Schermerhorn asked if the flower watering people will not block the fire hall side door as the members can't get in if they get a call. Gary will pass it on to the volunteers.

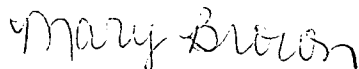
Susan Gogo said there is a camper in Arbutus Highlands that has someone living in it. It's been that way now for 60 days, the property owner is allowing it. She has called and complained to Christine at zoning last week.

Randy Stults advised the audience that due to the comments tonight, zoning violations are driven by complaints.

Dave Matelski said he would like to start working on the roads in some of the subdivisions like the Highlands and Guthrie Lakes next year, we care about those people also and the roads are bad.

Motion by Jerry Brown to adjourn at 8:26 p.m., second by Denise Pallarito; **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Brown, Clerk