

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 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 16 guests.

Also present: Fire Chief Dale Tucker, Constable Mike Coutant and Parliamentarian Randy Stults

Supervisor Update: Dave reviewed the public comment criteria for meetings. He is currently checking with Otsego County on the trail maintenance billing to find out exactly what is being done in our township for trail maintenance. He has not received an update on Arbutus Beach Highlands on the motorhome, no response from Thom at zoning office. Thank you to Denise Pallarito for her service to Otsego Lake Township and its residents.

Additions to Agenda: None

Meeting Minutes presented by Mary Brown for October 20, 2022. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to accept the October 20, 2022; minutes as presented; second by Jerry Brown; all ayes; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Township Bills were presented by Mary Brown with a **total amount of \$58,026.42**. Motion made by Gary Johnson to pay the township bills in the amount of \$35,055.82 for the General Fund; \$6,280.19 for the Fire Fund and \$16,690.41 for Trash Fund, seconded by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mary Brown asked us to amend our budget by a total of \$18,150.00 total, we are not over in any cost center. Jerry Brown made a motion to amend budget in the amount of \$18,150.00, second by Gary Johnson. All ayes; **MOTION CARRIED**

We have received a request from the Otsego County Historical Society for a \$500.00 annual contribution. Denise Pallarito made a motion to contribute \$500.00 to support the Otsego County Historical Society, second by Gary Johnson. All ayes; **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Brown.

Motion made by Gary Johnson to accept the Treasurer's report for October 31, 2022, second by Denise Pallarito, all ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**

FIRE & EMS REPORT 31 Calls, 13 EMS, 8 Fire, 10 Missed Calls. Average enroute time of 5.05 minutes. New member Jakob Gagnon has joined the department. There will be four new members in the FF1 & FF2 Class starting November 28th (ending May 23rd).

Exhaust repairs are needed for Unit 505 in the amount of \$711.67. Motion made by Denise Pallarito allowing the repairs to be completed; second by Mary Brown; All ayes, **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Fire Department would like to participate in the Santa Parade in Gaylord and their annual Santa Parade in our Township. Jerry Brown made a motion to allow the Fire Department to participate in both events, second by Mary Brown. All ayes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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The Fire Department would like to participate in the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Fire Hall on December 3rd at 6:00 p.m., Friends of Waters will be providing cookies. Motion made by Mary Brown to allow participation in tree lighting, second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

The Fire Department would like to host a fund raiser for Kayla Kusterer, she's having brain surgery. Her husband is on the department and will be her care giver for 12 weeks. Fundraiser will be on January 7th. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to allow the fundraiser, second by Mary Brown.

All ayes; MOTION CARRIED. Dale will submit the proper event application to Mike Gombos.

Dale said our department will be joining MAVAS with the Grayling group, this will allow better mutual aid for the entire area as it will include three counties.

CONSTABLE REPORT: MIKE COUTANT, all establishments were complying.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: MIKE COUTANT, no complaints to report.

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Two committee positions are up on December 31, 2022, Mike Coutant & Lorraine Markovich.

Monty Boilis gave a presentation on the expansion of Camp Grayling, providing a detailed report on the project if it is approved. Mr. Boilis said many municipalities are adopting a resolution opposing this project and asked if our township would. The Township is not prepared to offer a resolution at this time.

A certificate of Appreciation was presented to Denise Pallarito thanking her for her dedication and service she has provided to Otsego Lake Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review terms are ending December 31, 2022, we will accept applications for BOR membership until December 9th and then the Township Board will select applicants at December 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Combining Cemetery parcels: All documents needed have been given to Bobbi Balazovic, Township Assessor. Denise Pallarito made a motion to direct the assessor in combing the property at our cemetery to combine it for cemetery use (Parcels 091-410-085-001-01 and 091-410-080-001-00), second by Mary Brown. All ayes; **MOTION CARRIED**

TRUSTEE REPORT:

1. Gary Johnson would like to keep the possibility of a pickleball court for the future. Randy Stults had told Gary there is a SPARK Grant available, but the deadline is in December. This is a possibility in the future if someone wants to write the grant.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

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Jack Udebrock is resigning from the Planning Committee as he has relocated downstate. He has been the Chairperson for a long time and has done a great job, we thank him for his years of service to this community.

2. Denise Pallarito has nothing to report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Rob Pallarito provided a review of capitol projects for the county. The Alpine Center will require repairs to the leaking roof, employees there must cover things up to keep water from destroying things. There are issues with water & air caused by lead and asbestos, they must tear down the chimney stack, the windows are leaking.

The airport will be getting FAA certification on runways 9 & 27, this will be a \$7 million dollar project with a \$325,000.00 match from the county.

The Sheriff Department has new safety gear including shot guns, vests, and will have to get a new record management system and 23 new computers.

The drain on Otsego Lake will need an emergency replacement next year with a \$12,000.00 cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Jerry Brown to adjourn at 8:03 p.m., second by Gary Johnson, all ayes; **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Brown, Clerk

Motion made by Gary Johnson to approve 11-17-22 minutes as presented, second by Jerry Brown.

All ayes, MOTION CARRIED. Minutes approved at board meeting on 12-15-22