

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 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 18 guests.

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

**Public Hearing for Fire Millage:** Motion made by Jerry Brown to open Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.; second by Mary Brown. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

Comment made about looking in to purchasing fire truck through a buying group, may cost less that way. Motion made by Mary Brown to close Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m., second by Gary Johnson. All ayes, **MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of L4029 Form:** Fire Department millage set at 1.50 mills, which is about \$276,629.68; Otsego County allocated operating millage is .7980 mills. Motion made by Mary Brown to approve the L4029 Form, second by Jerry Brown. All ayes, **MOTION CARRIED**

**Supervisor Update:** Dave gave updates, he has no responses from previous complaints. The “No Access” sign will be removed from Little Bradford Lake. The work on Marlette Rd will be starting Monday, it is a mill and fill, the lines will be striped when done. The camper that was parked on 27 is now gone, it was red tagged by police.

**Additions to Agenda:** Quote for our website from Revise. Jerry Brown presented a quote from Revise in the amount of \$3,350.00 for first year to update our website, the second year will be \$1,375.00 per year. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to allow Jerry moving forward with bid to update our website, second by Gary Johnson. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting Minutes** presented by Mary Brown for August 18, 2022. (Gary pointed out the boat launch is on Little Bradford Lake). Motion made by Denise Pallarito to accept the August 18, 2022; Board Meeting minutes as corrected; second by Gary Johnson; All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting Minutes** presented by Mary Brown for Special Meeting on April 6, 2022. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to accept minutes as presented, second by Jerry Brown; All ayes, **MOTION CARRIED**

**Township Bills** were presented by Mary Brown for period 09/16/22 to 10/20/22 with a total amount of \$57,435.28.

Motion made by Gary Johnson to pay the township bills for \$30,437.02 for the General Fund; \$10,307.85 for the Fire Fund and \$16,690.41 for Trash Fund, seconded by Jerry Brown. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED.**

Christine Boyak-Wohlfeil gave the Clerk an invoice to pay for well/septic permit fees for trail head. Also, payroll request for the work to date she has done on the DNR trail head grant project.

Mary Brown presented salary resolution amendment to include the Deputy Supervisor and Parliamentarian. A motion was made by Denise Pallarito to adopt the revised Resolution to Establish Pay, #2022-0406 Revised 08-2022, second by Gary Johnson; Rollcall Vote: MATELSKI; YES, J BROWN; YES, PALLARITO; YES, JOHNSON; YES, M BROWN; YES. All ayes: Resolution as Amended **declared adopted by** Supervisor Matelski.

Mary Brown presented a job description for Parliamentarian at township meeting 09-15-2022. Motion made by Mary Brown to approve job description as presented, second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**Treasurer's Report** presented by Jerry Brown.

Motion made by Denise Pallarito to accept the Treasurer's report for August 31, 2022, second by Mary Brown. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**FIRE & EMS REPORT:** 26 Calls, 25 EMS, 4 Fire, 3 Missed Calls. Average enroute time of 7.29 minutes. Bobby has re-tested for the written part on September 10<sup>th</sup>, waiting for results. The fire danger sign has been installed at the Fire Hall and a new flagpole next to the sign. The existing flagpole will be removed for easier snow plowing and so the overhang can be extended by the front door for snow and ice to fall away from building.

Dale and Nikki attended the MTA class on Emerging Issues with EMS/Fire in Frankenmuth. Good class, Dale gave updates including the new requirements for fire chiefs requiring Instructor and Officer 1 & 2 Training. Dale will be grandfathered in, but any future fire chiefs hired by the township will require this training.

Mary thanked Misty for all the baking she did for Thunder Over Waters to raise money for the Firefighters Association, over \$400.00! Also gave a thank you card to Dale from Dianne & Ken Newmann thanking the FD. Mary has submitted all paperwork to Par Plan to be reimbursed from the Risk Reduction Grant for the LED Scene Lighting.

**CONSTABLE REPORT:** MIKE COUTANT, all establishments were complying.

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

**PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mike Coutant said that Wade Trim has done the RFB due by October 15<sup>th</sup> for the Trail Head. Gary Johnson met the guy that is supposed to GPS the trail, project is still in process. The flowers were given to a couple that was getting married to use for their wedding. Jeff Schermerhorn reported the Splash Pad was winterized and is shut down as of 10:00pm last night. Thank you, Jeff.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Township Hall windows & screens and the carpeting needs cleaning. Motion made by Jerry Brown to allow the clerk to get these items done, second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Thunder Over Waters had paid the full rental fee for township hall for \$250.00. Mary Brown made a motion that we waive the rental fee of \$250.00 for Thunder Over Waters, second by Gary Johnson. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

1. Gary Johnson gave update on the Milfoil weed on Bradford Lake; will move forward with Special Assessment later. Between what is left in township funds adding to raised funds by Bradford Lake

Association they should be able to pay for a treatment this spring. There are 89 people in the Special Assessment District.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Nothing to report, no meeting

2. Denise Pallarito said she has hit a dead end on cemetery projects, the forester has not returned her calls, he may not want to bid the job. The township needs to find out if the cemetery description can be changed and would like to have our planning committee give some direction, Gary will put this on their next meeting agenda.

Jerry Brown made a motion to allow Randy Stults to represent Otsego Lake Township at meetings regarding the Camp Grayling expansion; second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Rob Pallarito reported that Julie Powers, District 1 County Commissioner has resigned, Terra Deming has taken her place to fill the remainder of the term as she is the newly elected Commissioner in that district. Guardian Flight is renting the new hanger and has had 27 flights; they bring in a second aircraft. The west end of runway is being clear cut of poplar trees per FAA, they are taking bids. Wolverine Power has signed a three-year contract with the county for solar panels, MDOT favored the idea and is allowing them to use vacant land pending a study at the former Georgia Pacific property. Rob gave update on the expansion of Camp Grayling, stating importance of open discussions between Camp Grayling and the Township Board.

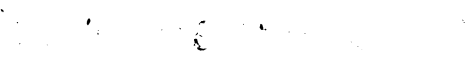
Gary suggested a public meeting. Jerry Brown made a motion to allow Randy Stults to represent Otsego Lake Township at these meetings, second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Two audience members asked questions on a pickle ball court at the park and skills set for the Parliamentarian.

Motion by Gary Johnson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Brown, Clerk

Motion made by Gary Johnson to approve 09-15-22 minutes as corrected; second by Jerry Brown

All ayes, MOTION CARRIED. Minutes approved at board meeting on 10-20-22