

**Otsego Lake Township Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2022**

The Otsego Lake Township meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Matelski. All board members were present, there were 14 guests.

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

**Supervisor Update:** Dave gave updates, zoning issues in Arbutus Beach Highlands are slowly moving along. There are issues in Guthrie Lakes with the military vehicles cutting through there. Working on an ordinance and will review at December's meeting. Dave & Mary met at the lake property near Kelly Street with DNR, MDOT, Paul Slough, zoning department, Railroad & Road Commission to discuss the trespassing issues. It has been determined it is MDOT's property. More discussion to decide best way to clean it up and close it from being used. Dave has confirmation the roads in cemetery property have been abandoned.

**Additions to Agenda:** Hall usage; Bradford Lake Association has requested to have their meetings at hall. Per our township liability insurance anyone using the township hall like that would have to enter in to lease agreement and provide liability insurance listing the Township. Decided will not allow usage at this time.

**Otsego County Zoning Department** presented a two-year contract in the amount of \$7,571.00 for 2023 and \$7,571.00 for 2024. The Township would pay this annual contribution by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each contract year. A motion was made by Denise Pallarito to approve the two-year contract as presented; second by Gary Johnson. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Meeting Minutes** presented by Mary Brown for September 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Motion made by Gary Johnson to accept the September 15, 2022; Board Meeting minutes as corrected; second by Jerry Brown; All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting Minutes** presented by Mary Brown for Special Meeting of Election Commission on October 4, 2022, to appoint Election Inspectors and Chairperson. Motion made by Dave Matelski 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 \$66,177.55. Denise asked Dale about Gaylord Ford repair bill on fire truck. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to pay the township bills for \$38,805.88 for the General Fund; \$10,681.26 for the Fire Fund and \$16,690.41 for Trash Fund, seconded by Jerry Brown. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

Jerry reports he will have training on Monday for our website.

**FIRE & EMS REPORT:** 23 Calls, 16 EMS, 5 Fire, 2 Missed Calls. Average enroute time of 5.14 minutes. There are three new members on the department. Deven Schermerhorn was one of our Cadets, he recently turned 18 and will be a firefighter (probationary). Steven Demasi has joined the department as a firefighter, they will both start FF1 & FF2 class on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Gaylord. Danielle Rooker has joined the department and may wait until next year to attend an EMT class because of her work schedule at this time.

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The members will be doing Truck or Treat at the Fire Hall from 5-7pm on Halloween night, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dale attended the Chief's meeting recently. There is a statewide Box System he would like to join. It will allow for better mutual aide response from a larger area of the state. This was used for the recent tornado in Gaylord, it could have affected the amount of help that responded if not part of the Box System. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to enter into agreement for the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, second by Mary Brown; all ayes; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Randy Stults commented on the professional way the fire department responded to a friend's emergency, they were very comforting to the patient.

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

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

**PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mike Coutant advised bids were due on October 15<sup>th</sup> for the Iron Belle Trail project, none were received. They may break out the jobs and request it be bid individually. A company will be looking over our gravity rail while touring northern Michigan the second week in November.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

1. Gary Johnson met with Dave Drews from Northern Engineering to discuss walking thru for GPS mapping of the trail. Gary said he has had interest in a pickle ball court, Mary recommended having the Park Committee look in to cost and present it for next year's budget if they agree.
2. **PLANNING COMMISSION:**  
Nothing to report, no meeting
3. Denise Pallarito said she has no update on Enbridge grant at this time. There was one FOIA request that was handled by the Clerk. Marlette Road is almost done and is very nice. Denise attended the County MTA meeting; she would like to see the board start talking about what we should do with the ARPA funds we have. Dave Matelski recommended getting a committee together to investigate possible projects. Denise thanked Dave for taking care of the lake property issues.

Ken Borton, State Representative presented special tributes to both Mary and Jerry Brown for their years of serving Otsego Lake Township.


**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Rob Pallarito reported that a 10-foot section of the drain from Otsego Lake caved in causing damage at Michigan Spine & Pain at Charles Brink & 27, a section of their parking lot caved in and is blocked off. Kirtland at the University Center wants to expand and is proposing addition of a wing for the trades.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Motion by Jerry Brown to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Brown, Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED:**

Minutes for September 15, 2022 board meeting & October 4, 2022 Election Commission meeting

Township bills for period 09-16-22 to 10-20-22

Treasurer's Report for October 31, 2022

**APPROVED**

By Board DATE: 10-20-22