Otsego Lake Township Special Meeting

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Budget Workshop #2

February 20, 2025

The Special Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Matelski at 5:00 p.m.

Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Schermerhorn & Deputy Supervisor Stults

Members present: Matelski; J Brown; M Brown; Bergel; Pallarito

Guests Present: 3

Discussion about salary increase for elected officials, this was not decided at last budget workshop. COLA is currently 2.5 %, some townships are using this as guideline. Denise Pallarito in not in favor of any salary increase. Jeff Bergel stated he would like the Trustees to get paid for attending special meetings. After much discussion it was decided to have Mary & Denise look into what other townships are doing when they attend the MTA conference in Grand Rapids.

A motion was made by Jerry Brown to **approve a 2.5% salary increase** for elected officials, fire chief and assessor: second by Jeff Bergel. Ayes: 4 Nay: Pallarito. **MOTION CARRIED**. Chief Schermerhorn recommended a **$1.00 per hour increase** for all fire fighters/EMS members, with officers' salary staying the same. **All hourly rates will increase by $1.00 per hour** including election workers, deputies and the office assistant. All **committee meetings** will be paid $80.00 per meeting. Motion made by Mary Brown to increase hourly rates of all hourly paid employees by $1.00 per hour; second by Denise Pallarito. Note: All increases are as of April 1st.

MOTION CARRIED.

Metting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brown

Mary Brown, Clerk

Minutes approved at Board Meeting March 20, 2025

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