OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP

ADOPTED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2021

The Otsego Lake Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7PM by Supervisor Matelski. Five board members were present and 5 guest(s).

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Matelski and opened public hearing for Fire Protection Levy.

1st Motion was made by M Brown to Open Public Hearing for Fire Protection Levy, seconded by J Brown motion carried.

M Brown proposed that the levy be increased due to the need to purchase a new fire pumper truck, to replace our 1997 Pumper # 505. Much discussion as to how it will be paid for and what is cost to repair the current truck for the short term until a new one can be purchased. No written information was provided as to the cost for a new replacement or lead time to purchase new. Chief D Tucker provided a verbal estimate of $400,000. Fire Levy Public Hearing was closed at 7:55 PM.

2nd Motion was made by M Brown to close Fire Protection Levy Public Hearing, seconded by J Brown motion carried.

3rd Motion made by M Brown adopt resolution to approve Fire Protection Levy of 1.5 mills for the December 2021 property tax levy, seconded by J Brown motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Fire Protection Levy: Supervisor D Matelski Yea; Treasurer J Brown Yea; Trustee M Brown Yea; Trustee G Johnson yea; Clerk J Baker Nay, resolution passed.

D Matelski asked if there were any conflicts of interest before we begin, and none were stated by all in attendance.

4th Motion made by J Baker to Open Public Hearing to continue Bradford Lakes Special Assessment for Milfoil Treatment at 8:01 PM, seconded by M Brown motion carried.

Public Hearing Notice discussion as to affirming same amount of $75 per parcel within the special district.

5th Motion made by M Brown to Close Public Hearing for Bradford Lakes Special assessment for Milfoil treatment at 8:10 PM to continue Bradford Lakes Special Assessment, seconded by J Brown motion carried.

6th Motion made by G Johnson to extend Bradford Lakes Special assessment for one more year, seconded by J Brown motion carried.

Supervisor Matelski asked for any additions to agenda, M Brown requested Hiring a Maintenance person to New Business. Supervisor Update: Update Dave Matelski sprayed exterior of hall for spiders. Trash complaint in Arbutus Beach, the landlord puts trash out at rental units he owns. Trash driver is going out of his way to take care of trash day issues. Passenheim Road speed limit concerns that not posted in enough places and Otsego Co Road Commission will be put more speed limit signs on Passenheim Road.

Clerk J Baker requests to adopt proposed minutes from August 19, 2021, board meeting.

7th Motion was made by G Johnson to adopt August 19, 2021, minutes, seconded by M Brown motion carried.

8th Motion made by J Brown approve township bills for the month of July/August: General Fund $23,054.75, Fire Fund $11,262.91, and Trash fund of $17,608.80, seconded by M Brown motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Month ending August 31, 2021

GENERAL FUND		**FIRE FUND**	
Beginning Balance	$700,051.25	Beginning Balance	$245,024.77
Receipts		Receipts	
Disbursements		Disbursements	
Ending Balance	$677,871.00	Ending Balance	$234,205.18
TAX ACCOUNT		**TRASH FUND**	
Beginning Balance	$ 226,559.13	Beginning Balance	$ 88,750.55
Receipts (interest)	664,497.43	Receipts	3.77
Disbursements	475,068.18	Disbursements	17,608.80
Ending Balance	$ 415,988.38	Ending Balance	$ 71,145.52

9th Motion made by G Johnson approve August month ending Treasurer's Report, seconded by M Brown motion carried.

FIRE & EMS REPORT - Total Calls 28 – EMS 22, Fire 7, & 1 Missed Call(s), with an average in route time of 6.00 minutes. The fire department has a new employee, Justin Litzner, he comes with 10 years plus experience. Presently Tanker 514 is getting the needed body work done and will be out of service during September, for the repairs damaged by driving over a stump on private property. Hose testing is complete, and everything passed. State Boiler Inspection is due and must be certified to get new license.

CONSTABLE & ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - All checked out no complaints this month.

Public Comment: - Complaints about logging trucks on Passenheim Road.

NEW BUSINESS - Hiring Dale Tucker as new Maintenance person. Fulltime employee to do all township maintenance and fire chief responsibilities as well. Discussion of required new tractor and other related equipment purchase of $33,000, and all other required equipment was not presented or detailed but will be bought in the future. Proposed salary of $72,279.20 provided by M Brown, Fire Department Liaison. D Matelski stated that the new employee must have Fire Fighter credentials to make this better for the Township. No posting of the position or bids have been taken for lawn care of snow removal.

New computers for office employees D Coutant and J Baker are being ordered, no other computer requests were made by the board.

Splash Pad invoice received in the amount of $1,500 to open in the spring and close in the fall.

10th Motion made by M Brown to approve Splash Pad invoice in the amount of $1,500, seconded by J Brown motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Trustee M Brown – Fire Liaison: Mary stated she attended the Memorial for 911 that was held in Gaylord, and the new fire chief passed on a very nice compliment regarding how good the OLT's Fire Department is and how well they work with the other county fire personnel.

Trustee G Johnson – Closing of undesignated boat access on Big Bradford. Big Bradford pontoon boat parade was a big success this year. Milfoil inspection was completed this week and next Milfoil treatment will be done soon. No progress on the noise complaints on Bradford Lakes. Reposting boating hours for Bradford Lake hours are now 10:00 AM until 6:30 PM. OMA Dam inspection was done recently, water level this year has been the most consistent in many years.

PLANNING COMMISSION - G Johnson: Tree Tops rescinded their request for special use permit. County to vote on amendments to Lots by Water to be approved Friday September 17th.

PARKS & RECREATION – M Coutant: No meeting this month, no park rental usage report this month. Trail cleanup and limb cutting questioned, Paul will do when he can get to it.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE - J Baker: Cemetery committee met this month and worked on editing and finalizing revisions to the main Cemetery Ordinance regarding restricting Cremains burials only in the Old Section.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Rob Pallarito: Health Department mask mandate getting push back form student parents.

Attended 911 memorial & thanks to first responders. Fourteen Marijuana dispensaries have been approved locally and still need state approval before moving forward. One company must change their name. The name is very similar to a student youth organization in Gaylord currently (pronounced RISE).

OLD BUSINESS - None

11th Motion made by J Brown to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M Brown motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Baker, Clerk