OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2023

The Otsego Lake Township meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7PM by Supervisor Matelski. There were 11 guests.

Also present: Parliamentarian Randy Stults & Fire Chief Jeff Schermerhorn.

Roll call of Board Members: **Present**: D Matelski; M Brown; Pallarito; J Brown

Absent: Bergel

Conflicts of Interest: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Public Hearing for Otsego Lake Township Recreation Plan: Hearing opened to public at 7:02 p.m. With no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.
Resolution #1221-2023-1 to Adopt Recreation Plan was read by Clerk. Motion was made by Mary Brown to adopt Resolution as presented to approve recreation plan, second by Jerry Brown.
Rollcall Vote: Pallarito: Yes; Matelski: Yes; M Brown: Yes; J Brown: Yes. **Resolution declared adopted.**

Supervisor Update: Dave Matelski; our current trash contract will be up in March of 2025; we will want to put it out for bids in May. Our Township attorney, Paul Slough, is running for judge, so we may need a new attorney. BOR Training is at Treetops February 7th. Phil Alexander is updating the Historical Society book with additional information about our township. Three complaints about Arbutus Highlands. Certificate of appreciation presented to Clerk Brown from the other Board Members for all the extra time she has devoted to update the township's records and get things current.

County Commissioner: Jason Clement: The county budget was passed at the County Commissioner's meeting in November, with a 4% wage increase. They are working on plans for a new courthouse. Tom Marquard is working on a solution for the drain on Otsego Lake.

Economic Alliance: Lisa McComb; Lisa provided information on a MSHDA housing grant opportunity for $50,000.00. Road Warriors has purchased additional property for possible expansion. Ford and the railroad are in talks about on/off loading vehicles on Milbocker Road. There will be construction on the overpass bridge on I-75 at Meecher Road, it will be removed then will be rebuilt, will be a huge project with completion in 2026. The Otsego County Economic Alliance will be the business hub for 6 counties on entrepreneurs' program. The new office location is 1564 Dickerson Rd. (in the front part of the building). Wolverine Power has purchased acreage for a solar panel farm on some of the old Georgia Pacific property.

Meeting Minutes presented by Mary Brown for November 16, 2023, regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from December 5, 2023. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to approve meeting minutes for 12/5 and 11/16: second by Jerry Brown. All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Clerk's Report: Presented by Mary Brown: Township Bills for the period November 17, 2023, to December 21, 2023, with a total amount of $71,831.88. Motion made by Jerry Brown to pay the township bills in the amount of $71,831.88; with total of $39,372.59 from the General Fund; $15,768.88

for the Fire Fund and $16,690.41 for Trash Fund, seconded by Denise Pallarito. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**. Chief Schermerhorn had purchased a printer for his office when first becoming chief, paid for it himself, it should be reimbursed. Motion made by Jerry Brown to reimburse Chief Schermerhorn for purchasing a printer for his office, second by Denise Pallarito. All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**. The clerk provided update on Elections for 2024 with early voting, also will use the AV Counting Board for Presidential Primary. There will be a Special Meeting for Budget Workshop on December 28th at 9:00 a.m. and February 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Our Budget Hearing will be February 15, 2024.

Salary Resolution #2023-1221-1 to Establish Salary for Clerk: Motion made by Denise Pallarito that the Resolution be postponed until the December 28, 2023, meeting, Bergel is absent tonight, M Brown & J Brown indicated they will abstain from the vote. Second by J Brown. All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Brown for month ending November 20, 2023. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to acknowledge the Treasurer's report for November 30, 2023, second by M Brown. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED.**

FIRE & EMS REPORT: **30** Calls, 23 EMS, 7 Fire, 0 Missed Calls. The Fire Chief gave his report. Chief Schermerhorn thanked everyone that attended and helped with their Thanksgiving dinner, the tree lighting was a huge success, the siren that was ordered for 514 will be used hopefully on the new fire truck as the siren was repaired. The appliances were ordered from Lowe's and now installed at Fire Hall. The Santa parades went well, everyone enjoyed themselves. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all the members of the fire department. The Chief presented a quote from Cutting Edge of $1297.46 to replace 3 bad cameras and to upgrade Wi-Fi. Motion made by M Brown to approve quote, second by Pallarito. All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

CONSTABLE REPORT: Mike Coutant said all establishments checked out.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Denise Pallarito: Denise gave an update on the MTA class she recently attended, stating how informative it was. She has signed up for the TGA Classes program offered by MTA.
PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission had a meeting. Two members up for term ending, the commission recommends Tim Miller for a term ending 12-31-2026 and Tom Totten term ending 12-31-2026. Meeting dates were set for 2024.

Jerry Brown made a motion to appoint both Tim Miller & Tom Totten to terms ending 12-31-2026; second by Mary Brown. All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**.
Randy Stults stated the County Planning accepted our Planning Commission's recommendations to define "commercial" in the Michaywe' PUD.

Jeff Bergel: Absent

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Dave advised that Jim Salo will take care of the Splash Pad at the park to open and close it for $1,500.00 per year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brown

Mary Brown, Clerk

Minutes approved at Board Meeting January 18, 2024

APPROVED

BY: Board DATE: 1-18-24