Otsego Lake Township Special Meeting

APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Otsego Lake Township Hall

June 30, 2025

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

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

Members Absent:

Also present: Deputy Supervisor Stults & Chief Schermerhorn

Guests: 6

Otsego County Zoning Contract: The county is requesting renewal of the zoning contract for $7,571.00 for 2 years, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026. Mary Brown made a motion to sign the contract as presented and pay the invoice; second by Jeff Bergel. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Fire Department Participation in Fourth of July Fireworks: Chief Schermerhorn requested approval to participate on Otsego Lake on Saturday, July 5th. Clerk Brown clarified that only to be there to stand by in the event of an emergency, no pushing/towing of the barge, it is not allowed per our Risk Management Insurance. The board has never allowed the barge to be moved in the past. Motion made by Denise Pallarito to allow the Fire Department to do standby only; second by Jeff Bergel. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Brush Hog Bid: Trail Blazers provided a bid to brush hog the township park tail and the west side of the cemetery. $300.00 per hour, about 3-4 hours needed at both the park and cemetery. Jerry Brown made a motion to approve the bid as presented; second by Jeff Bergel. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Cemetery Ordinance amendment: Denise Pallarito made a motion to set aside the ordinance until our next board meeting on July 14th, pending attorney review; second by Jerry Brown. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Park Equipment: Supervisor Matelski gave an update on the removal of the gravity rail. The rail will be removed and replaced with playground equipment at no charge; they will also provide two ADA compliant swings and put the replacement slides up for no charge. Three playground equipment choices were provided. The park committee and township board all liked option #2.

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Denise Pallarito made a motion to have Miracle Playground Equipment Company replace with option #2, as presented; second by Mary Brown. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Pickleball Finalize Project: Jerry Brown made a motion to rescind the motion made on May 27th Special Meeting by Mary Brown that approved the pickleball project as the conditions set previously by the board have not been met in order to move forward with the project; second by Dave Matelski. All paperwork was not turned in in a timely manner to allow board review.

3 yes votes to rescind the motion (Matelski, J Brown & M Brown) 2 no votes (Bergel & Pallarito).

MOTION CARRIED by majority votes.

Resignation of Clerk/Liaison: Clerk Brown has given her resignation as the Fire Department Liaison effective June 30th. Jerry Brown made a motion to accept resignation as liaison; second by Denise Pallarito. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote. The supervisor will serve as liaison per policy of the township.

Public Comment: Mary Brown gave public comment about the June 19th board meeting, clarifying she was making public comment as a citizen, not as the clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brown

Mary Brown, Clerk

Approved at Board Meeting July 14, 2025