OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2023

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

Roll call of Board Members: Present J. Brown; M Brown; J Bergel. Absent: D Matelski G Johnson

Also present: Fire Chief Dale Tucker

Conflicts of Interest: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Special presentation for Susan LaVanway (not present) certificate of appreciation read By Deputy Supervisor Stults, thanking Susan for her years of service on the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Update: None

Meeting Minutes presented by Mary Brown for December 15, 2022. Motion made by Jeff Bergel to accept the December 15, 2022, Board Meeting minutes as presented; second by Jerry Brown; All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED.** Minutes presented for Special Meeting on December 29, 2022 by Mary Brown. Motion made by Jeff Bergel to accept minutes as presented; second by Jerry Brown; All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Township Bills were presented by Mary Brown for the period 12/16/22 to 01/19/23 with a total amount of $57,537.69. Motion made by Jerry Brown to pay the township bills for $34,027.81 for the General Fund; $6,819.47 for the Fire Fund and $16,690.41 for Trash Fund, seconded by Jeff Bergel. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**. Mary presented request to pay additional bills totaling $215,781.71; Burnham & Flower Insurance $17,609.00, Otsego County Equalization $2,456.50, Road Commission for Passenheim Rd $195,000.00, Otsego County MTA for dues and cemetery flags $330.00, Fire Department PO Box $108.00, Galls $116.91 and NCMC $82.00. Motion made by Mary Brown to pay these bills before the next board meeting, second by Jeff Bergel; All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Request for budget amendments: Motion made by J. Brown; second by Jeff Bergel; All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED. Roads**: -$49,978.80 Future Roads; +Road Contracts $49,978.80. Motion made by Jerry Brown, second by Jeff Bergel; All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED. Roads**: -$21.20 Iron Belle Trail; + Road Contracts +$21.20. Motion made by Jerry Brown, second by Jeff Bergel; All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED. Assessor**: $2,500.00: -$2,500 Assistance; +$2,500.00 Operating.

Statements read by Mary Brown regarding Camp Grayling Expansion; the board is doing their due diligence on this matter. Also, Mary has been made aware that the wage reporting has not been done since 2011, it was necessary to go back three years and do the reporting, **we now are facing very costly penalties and late fees because this was not done by previous 2 clerks**. Clerk Brown has submitted a request for waiving of penalties and is getting assistance from Senator Hoitenga's office with the help of Rob Pallarito.

Our office was contacted by Polly Buchanan about allowing the VFW to put a drop box at the hall for flags to be properly disposed of. It will be emptied on a regular basis by the VFW. Motion made by Jeff Bergel to allow drop box, second by Jerry Brown; All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**

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Treasurer's Report presented by Jerry Brown.
Motion made by Jeff Bergel to accept the Treasurer's report for December 31, 2022, second by Mary Brown. All ayes: **MOTION CARRIED**
Joan Elenz has been appointed by Treasurer Jerry Brown to serve as his Deputy Treasurer.

FIRE & EMS REPORT: **22** Calls, 14 EMS, 8 Fire, 2 Missed Calls. The Fire Chief gave his report. Chief Tucker is still working on getting estimates for a new payroll/run reporting software.

CONSTABLE REPORT: None. Constable absent.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: None, Mike Coutant absent

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments made by three people. Jean G. commented on Camp Grayling expansion proposal; Jeff S. thanked everyone for the support at the recent fundraiser; Mary B. thanked the fire department and Lori S. on organizing the fundraiser and covering the expenses. Over $6,400.00 was raised in 2 ½ hours!
NEW BUSINESS: None
OLD BUSINESS: None

TRUSTEE REPORT:

1. Gary Johnson: Absent
   PLANNING COMMISSION:
   There are two open positions on the Planning Committee, with three applicants. Motion made by Mary Brown to appoint Denise Pallarito to fill one position with a term ending 12-31-2023. Second by Jerry Brown; All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED**. The Planning Committee will recommend an appointment for the other open position.
2. Jeff Bergel:
   PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Jeff Bergel gave report of Park & Rec meeting, they are working on next budget and will get it to Clerk for budget workshop on January 31st. The Park Committee will make recommendations for future projects at the park which will include wood chips on walking trail and pickle ball. Jeff gave an update on vault toilet at The Memorial Pavilion. Leo Sensabaugh recommended a survey of our citizens be done to get input on projects they would like to see at the park.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Jason Clement; Absent.

Meeting adjourn meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Brown, Clerk

Minutes approved at Board Meeting February 16, 2023