

July 12, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building at 225 West Main Street, Room 100. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Paul Liss. Invocation by Commissioner Clark Bates, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Erma Backenstose.

Roll Call:

Present: Clark Bates, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Excused: Paul Beachnau, Bruce Brown.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to approve the Regular minutes of June 28, 2011 as presented Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt OCR-11-17 Alpenfest der Burgermeister Bill Granlund.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau, Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to adopt OCR-11-18 Alpenfest Parade Marshal, Dean Johnson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau, Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to adopt OCR-11-19 Alpenfest Honored Industry, United Way.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau, Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Special Presentation:

Gerry Chase updated the Board on the Health Department and introduced Linda Yaroch.

Commissioner Bruce Brown arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the donated vacation leave policy. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mary Sanders reminded the Board of the Michigan Township Association meeting July 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Elizabeth Haus reported the public hearing is July 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to establish the DDA in the Village.

Roberta Tholl updated the Board on the Road Commission and thanked John Burt.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, to approve the July 5, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$93,220.57 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to void check number 33995 in the amount of \$150.00, re-issue check in the amount of \$50.00 and then approve the July 12, 2011 Warrant in the reduced amount of \$277,787.97 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Erma Backenstose: Attended the senior breakfast.

Commissioner Lee Olsen: Attended Ron Chavey's retirement party.  
County Park and Johannesburg fireworks.

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Consortium update.

Commissioner Doug Johnson: Parks and Recreation meeting.  
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Commissioner Paul Liss: Vanderbilt casino.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

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Paul L. Liss, Vice-Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

**OCR 11-17**

**Recognition of 2011 Alpenfest der Bürgermeister - Bill Granlund**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners

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**WHEREAS**, Bill Granlund is a lifelong resident of northern Michigan and a graduate of Northern Michigan University in Marquette where he grew up and attended high school; and

**WHEREAS**, after high school Bill spent two years in the military, stationed in Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill became a resident of Otsego County in 1952 when he and his wife, Jean, moved here to begin a teaching position with Gaylord Community Schools where he would eventually become Principal; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill is our local historian, and with that knowledge of the local history of the area he was one of the founding members of the Otsego County Historical Society in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill is a former member of the Alpenfest Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gaylord Herald Times has named Bill Granlund as the 2011 Alpenfest der Bürgermeister; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity and commitment of its community members; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Bill Granlund has made to our community.

**OCR 11-18**  
**Recognition of 2011 Alpenfest Parade Marshal - Dean Johnson**  
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**WHEREAS**, Dean Johnson has been a resident of Gaylord since he moved here from Tawas City in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean ran the Pendleton Shop clothing store for many years in downtown Gaylord; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean is a past president of the Gaylord Kiwanis Club and brought the club's Dime Toss to Gaylord's Alpenfest, which has raised \$150,000 for Kiwanis projects since 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean Johnson was recently awarded the Kiwanis Hixson Award, the club's highest honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean has been very involved with the Gaylord community by serving on the United Way board; Jaycees; and the Chamber of Commerce, which he worked to raise money in an effort to bring the historic "Gaylord car" back to the town where it was built; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean is also a past president of the Alpenfest Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpenfest Board of Directors has named Dean Johnson as the 2011 Alpenfest Parade Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity and commitment of its community members; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Dean Johnson has made to our community.

**OCR 11-19**  
**Recognition of 2011 Alpenfest Honored Industry – United Way**  
Otsego County Board of Commissioners  
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**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County United Way was founded over 40 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Way connects people through giving, volunteering and advocating to make a difference in our community; and

**WHEREAS**; the Otsego County United Way is uniting volunteers and mobilizing resources to support effective programs addressing community needs, in 2010 they began to focus efforts in three critical areas: education, income and health, which are the building blocks to success; and

**WHEREAS**, currently the Otsego County United Way funds at least 14 local service groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpenfest Board of Directors has named the Otsego County United Way as the 2011 Alpenfest Honored Industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Otsego recognizes the importance of involvement by our local businesses in the community and the significant contributions they make; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby congratulates the Otsego County United Way as being the recipient of the 2011 Alpenfest Honored Industry.