

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, JANUARY 17, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present; Wagar, Brown, Markovich and Jacobs. Absent Baker.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2012 meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to approve paying bills for the General Fund of \$27,426.50, Fire Fund \$13,762.00 and the Trash Fund of \$15,753.60. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Supervisor Wagar questioned the possibility of extending the current trash contract during a current term. He will look into the legalities involved and see if it would be of any benefit to the township.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,048,678.15
Receipts	772.98
Disbursements	16,513.41
Ending Balance	\$1,032,937.72

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,767.98
Receipts	807,796.24
Disbursements	9,816.02
Ending Balance	\$808,748.20

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 129,172.74
Receipts	60.28
Disbursements	18,298.51
Ending Balance	\$ 110,934.51

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 43,030.52
Receipts	4.10
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$ 27,872.62

A motion was made by Brown to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 35 runs this report period. Fire training this month was the mandatory refresher training on air packs and EMS training is blood borne pathogens. The department is setting up a meth lab awareness training with Sgt. Mitch Steven of the Michigan State Police. The board approved sending member Cosner to an EMS training weekend in Frankenmuth so that he may get the credits he needs to keep his EMS license. Cost of the course and lodging is \$541.98. Still advertising for new members. DOT inspections and maintenance on all trucks will begin next month.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Board reviewed monthly reports. Everything was in order.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Brown reported that the Fire Department appreciation/training dinner will be held at Michaywe on January 26th at Michaywe Inn the Woods. Bill Kleese of the Houghton Lake Fire Department will be discussing the future of fire and EMS department members in the state.

Due to Trustee Bakers absence Brown gave an update on the damaged street light in Waters. Pictures of the light have been sent to their insurance carrier and they have asked the township to take a depreciated payment because the light is five years old and has been damaged before but was repaired. After discussion the board decided not to accept a reduced payment for the light.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning report given by member Stults. Reviewed the minutes of the January meeting and introduced possible new members Janice Annis and Madonna Sussex. A motion was made by Brown to appoint Annis and Sussex to the township planning commission. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. The commission also approved the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Report presented by member Markovich. The committee met in January. Discussed possible improvements they would like to consider this next year. Still considering tennis courts, it may take more than one budget year to be able to start on the courts. Discussed purchasing the materials for an ice rink to be put on the basketball court. Cost of the rink with shipping is \$3,354.57. After discussing risks involved any decision was postponed until Jacobs can check with Boyne City, who have a similar rink, and see if they have had any problems or possible risks to running the ice rink. A motion was made by Markovich to reappoint Christine Wohlfeil to the parks committee for a term ending December 31, 2015. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Randy Stults mentioned that there is grant monies through the United States Tennis Association. They gave a presentation to the County Parks and Recreation Committee. Stults will call with names of committee members.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on the 911 meeting. Clarks Bates has been appointed as the chair of the budget committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Bradford Lake Association President Gary Johnson gave an update on the results of the treatment on Bradford Lake for milfoil. This was done by special assessment. There has been noticeable improvement in stopping the growth of the milfoil.

Comments heard for the good the of the township. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township