

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

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. All board members present and seven audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2014. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for Special Assessment 1 for township wide trash collection on October 23, 2014. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown to pay bills for the General Fund of \$102,899.21, Fire Fund \$7,581.56 and Trash Fund \$18,000.29. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. The new contract with Area Waste, our new trash hauler, beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017 was received by the township, sent to the attorney for approval and returned. Suggested corrections were made by Area Waste. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by J. Brown to sign the contract as corrected. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$935,659.92
Receipts	3,909.25
Disbursements	21,948.87
Ending Balance	\$917,620.30

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$235,911.18
Receipts	69.68
Disbursements	7,473.38
Ending Balance	\$228,507.48

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$314,564.45
Receipts	29,129.29
Disbursements	325,239.98
Ending Balance	\$ 18,486.86

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 75,834.95
Receipts	5.64
Disbursements	18,090.05
Ending Balance	\$ 57,750.54

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A list of tax foreclosed properties in Michaywe and Guthrie Lakes subdivisions was received from the county. The township board did not have any interest in acquiring any of the parcels.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker. The batteries in our rescue vehicle (521) are being drained and will not start the vehicle. Do we have monies in the budget to replace the vehicle. Suggested that we have it checked out as to the reason it is not starting and go from there to solve the problem. The old thermal camera is outdated and not working well. Presented a quote from Front Line Services for a new camera for \$4,841.00. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by J. Brown to purchase the camera from Front Line for the stated price. Motion carried.

CONSTABLE/ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

All establishments checked out during monthly inspections. Two complaints were received about residences on Hatch Street having very messy yards.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Johnson spoke with Sam Smith concerning the former Schotte property. It may have been sold with the condition that the township could purchase a portion. Will have to look into this further.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning member Sensabaugh gave the report for the meeting. The planning commission recommended to the township board that M. Sussex and J. Annis terms expire at the end of December 2014. Both wish to remain on the planning commission. A motion was made by Wagar to reappoint them to another 3 year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. The planning commission recommended to the township board that we consider issuing a photo ID and badge to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The commission also recommended hiring, or contracting, with the Otsego County Building Department to hire a county building officer to enforce township nuisance complaints and other county ordinances per the International Property Maintenance Code.

CEMETERY REPORT

M. Brown reported that member D. Pallarito has resigned from the cemetery committee. A motion was made by M. Brown to appoint alternate member Fox to the remainder of this term ending December 31, 2015. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown to reappoint D. Newman to another three year term ending December 31, 2017. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. M. Black has expressed desire to accept the alternate position left vacant by Fox. This term would end on December 31, 2015. We will check to see if there is a conflict of interest as Black is the Deputy Clerk.

John Burt, County Administer reported on happenings at the county. Comments heard for the good of the township. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on December 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township