

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2014

CLERKS REPORT

The regular monthly meeting of the township board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and six audience members. A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the minutes of last meeting as presented, seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson to pay bills for the General Fund of \$25,854.25, Fire Fund \$7,386.83, and Trash Fund \$16,220.80. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the wording for the Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op Natural Gas Franchise for the August Primary. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

Randy Stults, Planning Commission member has notified the board that he is resigning from the planning commission effective April 30, 2014. A motion was made by Wagar to accept the resignation. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. At present he is our representative to the Otsego County Planning Commission. Since he is resigning from our planning commission is he still eligible to serve on the county planning commission? Wagar will check with the county and also with Michigan Township Association to see if he is still eligible to serve on the county planning board.

We have received a resolution from NEMCOG to adopt the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Resolution read by Clerk Markovich. A motion was made by M. Brown to adopt the resolution for the hazard mitigation plan. Seconded by J. Brown. Roll call vote; Johnson, aye; Markovich, aye; Wagar, aye; J. Brown, aye; and M. Brown, aye. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 911,158.42
Receipts	180,083.53
Disbursements	20,198.07
Ending Balance	\$1,071,043.88

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$147,183.66
Receipts	140,148.33
Disbursements	23,928.65
Ending Balance	\$263,403.34

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 43,940.26
Receipts	128,212.25
Disbursements	16,220.80
Ending Balance	\$ 155,931.71

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$487,521.42
Receipts	9,514.87
Disbursements	496,546.56
Ending Balance	\$ 489.73

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER

Report given by M. Brown. Met with Doug Fox and Chief Dale Tucker to discuss the decision to have the chief in charge of the department and have the EMS position revert to the way it was before the positions of chief and EMS coordinator were separate. The chief will now be in charge of running the fire department and will appoint an EMS Captain to handle paper work. The board was given a copy of the final job description for the fire chief. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by Johnson to approve the job description as presented. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker. There were 19 calls this month, 6 fire and 9 ems and 6 missed calls. M. Rivest(EMT) has rejoined the department. Also, Schermerhorn and Thomas have completed the MFR class. Our new chain of command: Fire Chief, Dale Tucker; Deputy Chief, Tom Sensabaugh; Assistant Chief, Billy Stiles; EMS Captain, Nikki Booth; and Fire Lieutenant, Brandon Bicknell. Also presented quotes for two nozzles with foam attachment, 100 feet of booster hose, and a Zoll AED plus for ems. Don't forget the pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 26th from 8 to 11 am.

CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Looking into complaints about abandoned vehicles on properties in the township.

TRUSTEE REPORT

M. Brown reported on an MTA class she attended called Who's The Boss. We need to contact Midland Glass, installer for the exterior doors at the township hall. One will not take a code and needs to be repaired. We also need to change the code on the doors to enter the building. There is no record as to who has been given the code to get in. It is a security risk and we need a record of who we have given the code to.

Johnson is serving on a panel for the Otsego County Road Commission. They are looking to put a 1 mil millage on the ballot in November 2014 for road repairs in Otsego County. Read a very good article about fracking in the MTA magazine. He is going to contact an architect to come and take a look at the entrance on the west side of the township hall and to replace the stairs and make it more handicap accessible.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The committee is looking into plans and costs to add a splash pad to the park. Will discuss this more at our next meeting. Have had comments about not being able to find the Nature Trail at the park. Perhaps we could look into a rustic sign that would stand out and be more noticeable. Wagar will contact Billy Fellicia about rejuvenating the Otsego Lake Township signs.

OLD BUSINESS

There has been some progress on the nonmotorized trail in the county. There was a meeting with the railroad, MDOT and the DNR. The railroad would like to see a positive barrier between the walking trail and the railroad tracks.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.