

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, MAY 21, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and seventeen audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve minutes with correction to Fire Liaison Report. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$41,799.23, Fire Fund \$8,848.33 and Trash Fund \$15,957.76. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$829,454.61
Receipts	134,459.03
Disbursements	31,842.29
Ending Balance	\$932,071.35

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$183,364.61
Receipts	136,114.85
Disbursements	4,614.31
Ending Balance	\$314,865.25

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$380,207.97
Receipts	889.75
Disbursements	379,283.58
Ending Balance	\$ 1,814.14

TRASH ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 25,526.09
Receipts	122,117.04
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$131,685.37

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. In order to convert to the new BS & A accounting program the computer in the clerk's office will have to be replaced. Cost of a new computer is \$698.25 and will be expensed from the line item BS&A Accounting Program under the clerks cost center.

ASSESSOR REPORT

The assessor presented two lot splits for board signature. One is for Zibron and the second is for Avery.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker. There were six runs this month. Two new firemen, Hibernig and Stephans completed FFI and FFII classes. Otsego County Fire Department did not offer training this year. Because of that they attended classes in Roscommon. They took turns driving. They will be paid for millage at the federal rate of .575 per mile. Cost will be approximately \$1,800 and will be divided between the two firefighters. Unit 504 failed the ladder test. This is a 1984 vehicle, perhaps we should look into selling this vehicle. Air pack testing is completed.

Anthony Esson, Architect will draw up a proposal for Architectural Services for improvements to the front entrance. Cost will be \$4000.00. A motion was made by Johnson to contract with Esson for architectural services for \$4,000.00. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried.

Ken Newman suggested to the board that the pump house at the cemetery be replaced by a building that would be resistant to animals. There are large nests built inside the building each winter. He will try to attend the next cemetery meeting.

The well at the township hall was found to be above the limit for nitrates. We have purchased bottled water and posted signs not to drink the water. We are waiting to hear from the health department before taking further action.

Dave Matelski and Tom Deans of the county road commission presented a list of roads in the Michaywe area that are in need to being repaired. The road commission is not able to partner with townships this year as far as helping with the expense of road repairs. They will give up a report on costs associated with the township paying for the repairs.

CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections of liquor establishments. The semi-truck trailer has been removed from the property on I 75. As long as the Trading Post is in bankruptcy there is nothing the township or county can do to get it designated a dangerous building. No response from county about the trailer on Dodge Lake.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee M. Brown, no report

Trustee G. Johnson thanked Margaret Black for painting the dry hydrant on Little Bradford. The gutters need to be fixed at the fire hall. There will be a pancake breakfast at the township hall on Saturday, May 23rd put on by Bradford Lake Association. The county road commission has made some adjustments to the dam on Big Bradford Lake.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The commission is working to update the Master Plan for our township. Mr. Deuell, master plan consultant, outlined areas in the township master plan that need to be updated or expanded. His cost would be approximately \$5,000.00. Perhaps we could look at other vendors such as Wade Trim, C2AE or MSU extension. It should take three or four months to review.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair Wohlfeil gave the board copies of the bid for electrical work on the splash pad at the park. The bid from Mikes Electric was \$1,443.00. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by M. Brown to accept the bid for electrical work on the splash pad. Motion carried. The Nature Trail is in need of a professional tree cutter to cut trees that are leaning. The trail needs some more chips to refresh the path and some stumps removed to prevent a tripping accident. A motion was made by Wagar to

approve up to \$2,500.00 to have a professional look at the trail and clear hazards. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. We will wait until next month and present a bid for security cameras at the park.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Evelyn Fox was nominated to serve as chairperson, Dianne Newman, vice chair and Nora Corfis, secretary. Jason Caverson of Wade Trim will be contacted to give a smaller option at the rear of the cemetery for parking. The next meeting will be June 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the township hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Wagar has updated the township web page. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by L. Markovich to hire Fritch Electric to replace burned out lights at the cemetery and the park. Motion carried.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Tony Esson, resident of Guthrie Lakes would like to see changes made to allow ORV's to use the roads in his area. A resident would like to see the signs posted during elections stating ID required to ID preferred.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on June 18 2015, at 7:00 p.m.