

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING AND MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2016**

Public hearing for proposed special assessment #12 Bradford Lake Milfoil treatment called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 6:30 p.m. All board members and 12 audience members present. Comments heard and questions answered concerning eradication treatment and costs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar. All board members present and fourteen audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting with a correction to the spelling of M. Derenzy's name was made by M. Brown and seconded by J. Brown, motion approved. A motion was made by G. Johnson to pay bills for the General Fund of \$17,582.16, Fire Fund \$8,632.59 and Trash Fund \$15,957.76, seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by G. Johnson to amend the 2016-17 General Fund Expenditures Budget for Road Contracts by \$25,000, to cover the additional expense for roads done this year. Money to be taken from fund balance. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by G. Johnson to amend the Assessor budget under assistant by \$25,000 to be taken from contingency.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$775,722.57
Receipts	58,659.85
Disbursements	33,817.22
Ending Balance	\$800,565.20

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$298,246.30
Receipts	25,185.07
Disbursements	25,185.07
Ending Balance	\$273,121.33

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 149,676.09
Receipts	1,712,301.36
Disbursements	1,748,969.49
Ending Balance	\$ 113,007.96

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 87,800.79
Receipts	3.34
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$ 71,846.37

A motion was made by L. Markovich and seconded by G. Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as presented. A motion was made by Wagar to set the operating millage for the General Fund at .8207 seconded by M. Brown, motion carried, A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded Markovich to add the 1% PTAF to the winter tax bill. A motion was made by L. Markovich and seconded by G. Johnson to allow the treasurer, Jerry Brown to open an account for the general fund at the Awaken Credit Union.

Three members of the Otsego County Sheriff's Department stopped in to introduce themselves and answered questions from the audience.

Otsego County Economic Alliance Director Lisa McComb introduced Kurt Stocker, owner of Road Warrior Truck Driving School, located where the old nursery was by the Interstate. Also gave an update on Miles Apiaries. They are still operating and hope to have 60 employees by spring.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Report given by Chief Tucker. Seventeen calls were reported last month. Chief has requested that all members use direct deposit for their monthly pay. Member Griffin has completed MFR class and is scheduled to take the National Registry test on October 21st. The restrooms are still in need of remodeling at the fire hall. We will be getting bids.

CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections of liquor establishments. Received a report of a messy yard, but the owner has cleaned it up.

TRUSTEE REPORT

M. Brown has read the draft copy of the Master Plan and found a couple of typos and misspellings. These were pointed out to Mr. Stults who is taking care of them. Fire liaison M. Brown reported that the reflective tape on the new vehicle (stickers and decals) is coming off. It had been fixed by the installer once and is happening again. Wagar will call to see what the problem is and offer suggestions for fixing the problem. Addressed the problem of our department not being paged out for automobile accidents. The State Police are controlling who is paged out. Do we need a resolution instead of a policy addressing this issue? Could it have anything to do with our ordinance that charges the owner \$750 per accident? Wagar will check with Deming and report back to the board. Another option would be to set up a meeting with Jon Deming, the State Police and Jackie at dispatch and our fire chief.

Johnson has spoken to Sandy Montgomery about the Schotte property. She has been too busy and does not want to sell right now. She may in the future. Wade Trim will be surveying Passenheim Rd for a proposed sidewalk. We need to cross the railroad tracks and the DNR trail. Received a complaint about deteriorating cabins on Heart Lake. Observed users of the new gravity rail at the park. They seemed to be having a problem with the ramp being slippery. Reported again that our fire rating has gone to an 8B and if you live within five miles of the fire hall you may get a discount on your fire insurance.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Stults distributed a draft copy of the Master Plan and explained that this is a minor update not a rewrite. A motion was made by Wagar and seconded by Johnson to distribute copies of the Draft master Plan, including maps and charts

Attended the Road Commission meeting. Discussed tar and chipping Cottage Trail. Work is needed on Passenheim, Marlette and Sherman Road. Talked about sharing repair expense to Sherman Road between Waste Management, Crawford County and Otsego County.