

Approved Minutes

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2019

The Otsego Lake Township meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7PM by Supervisor Wagar. Clerk Margaret Black was absent, Deputy Clerk Baker was present. Four board members and 5 guests were present at the meeting.

Motion made by M Brown to accept the September 19, 2019 minutes as submitted, seconded by G Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion made by T Wagar to accept and pay township bills of \$27,060.39 for the General Fund; \$7,496.57 for Fire Fund and \$16,637.28 for Trash Fund, seconded by J Brown. Motion Carried.

Motion made by G Johnson to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by M Brown. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$426,150.97
Ending Balance	\$487,266.18

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$318,600.65
Ending Balance	\$314,967.13

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$431,733.67
Receipts	\$1,601,336.41
Disbursements	\$1,743,628.61
Ending Balance	\$289,441.47

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$90,653.07
Receipts	6.24
Disbursements	16,637.28
Ending Balance	\$73,675.27

FIRE & EMS REPORT 12 Calls, 9 EMS, 3 Fire, 2 Missed Calls

Fire Chief Dale Tucker informed the board that the fire dept. will be reviewing new software on October 23rd. Main function of software is to report and file EMS/Fire Reports required by the State of Michigan, and can provide payroll functionality as well.

CONSTABLE & ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT Constable Coutant was absent, J Brown provided updates. All in compliance.

TRUSTEE REPORT **G Johnson** Received 2 calls regarding Passemheim road improvements. He informed the board that adding walkway alongside Passemhiem by R.R crossing would incur substantial annual maintenance fees required by R.R. company going forward in the future if the walkway is installed right up to rail road tracks.

M Brown Informed board of proposed fund raiser to be held at the township fire hall for daughter of fire fighter Jeff Schermerhorn. Department of HLS grant still in process no update. New grant application for fire safety equipment – fire truck back up cameras.

RESOLUTION presented by M Brown to approve fire safety grant application. Roll call vote with all Ayes, M Brown, J Brown, G Johnson, T Wagar, M Black absent. Resolution declared adopted by Deputy Clerk, J Baker.

PLANNING COMMISSION No updates

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE Discussion regarding EEE mosquito virus and possible steps to prevent including the possibility of township spraying pesticides to control the possible threat presented. Snow plowing for 3 township parks was questioned why it is done, and if stopped would it save township funds.

Motion made by J Brown to no longer plow township parks parking lots, seconded by M Brown. Motion carried.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE New fence has been ordered at a cost of \$4,200. Discussion to delay the installation of the fence to reconsider removing more trees along new fence line. Concerns voiced if what additional costs or issues with fence contractor should the installation be delayed until next spring. Concern was raised if township has valid current worker's compensation liability certificate of insurance for tree removal service contractor.

Motion made by J Brown to approve tree removal costs at the cemetery not to exceed \$6,000, seconded by G Johnson. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Rob Pallarito absent no update provided.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – J Welter asked the board if the township received any additional bids for the tree cutting expenses planned for the cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Black, Clerk