

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 15, 2011**

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 two audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. A motion was made by Baker to approve paying the bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$15,912.56, Fire Fund \$14,347.06 and the Trash Fund of \$15,141.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND/Corrected

Beginning Balance	\$1,194,924.78
Receipts	36,593.94
Disbursements	52,318.87
Ending Balance	\$1,179,199.85

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,442.27
Receipts	16,183.15
Disbursements	16,832.37
Ending Balance	\$ 8,793.05

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 229,317.02
Receipts	73.03
Disbursements	12,583.00
Ending Balance	\$ 206,807.05

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$58,618.98
Receipts	9.66
Disbursements	\$15,141.00
Ending Balance	\$43,487.64

A motion was made by Brown to accept the treasurer's report as read, seconded by Baker, motion carried. Jerry Brown has been appointed to assume the position of Deputy Treasurer as of December 13, 2011.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 20 runs since last meeting 18 of which were EMS. Training for EMS will be on immobilization and stabilization of patients. Fire training will be on our cascade system which is used to fill air packs. Ladder testing, pump testing and oil changes were completed this month. The Fireman's Association is buying presents for all the children staying at the Friendship Shelter. Currently there are nine.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Baker has been asked to have the monthly meeting agenda and proposed minutes put on the web site. Discussion followed about putting the minutes on the site before they are approved. It is possible and can be replaced by the approved meetings after being approved by the board.

WATERS BUSINESS GROUP

No representative at the meeting but Wagar reported that they are still interested in completing the trail from Grayling to Waters and further northward.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning member Baker reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. County planning member Stults updated the members on activities at the county level. Baker reported on township board activities. Member Black announced that she does not wish to continue on the planning commission after her term expires on December 31, 2011. The commission is also looking into the Discovery Center Sign near I-75.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There will be a public hearing on Thursday, December 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Township Hall on the proposed township recreation plan.

ROAD PROJECTS

Proposed projects to consider for next year included Guthrie Lakes – possibly a two year project. Michaywe – especially Timber Valley. We need to get a bid from the road commission on what it would cost to do that project. Also, roads in Arbutus Beach Highlands, Heart Lake, Fawn Lake and Lakeshore Drive. We will be working with the road commission on deciding which roads to schedule.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Report presented by Commission Backenstose. Discussed recycling, feels that our curbside trash pickup is a good plan. Would like to see the townships meet and discuss curbside pickup.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed the Fire Department Appreciation dinner that the board would like to put on for the firemen. We would need to get donations in order to cover expenses as we cannot use township monies to put it on. Also, need to decide on awards – what type would we give out – years of service, basic awards, booby prize or anything other suggestions?

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.