

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17, 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 four audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting as presented. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$49,826.72, Fire Fund \$2,063.85, and the Trash Fund of \$15,141.00. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,213,921.81
Receipts	1,081.16
Disbursements	20,078.19
Ending Balance	\$1,194,924.78

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$32,840.56
Receipts	26,050.67
Disbursements	49,448.96
Ending Balance	\$ 9,442.27

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 237,435.54
Receipts	369.21
Disbursements	8,487.73
Ending Balance	\$ 229,317.02

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$73,763.48
Receipts	13.06
Disbursements	15,157.56
Ending Balance	\$58,618.98

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were 21 runs since last meeting with 3 missed calls. Average enroute time was 5.36 minutes. EMS training for the month will be immobilization and stabilization of patients. Fire training is on extrication from vehicles. We should have three people attending the FF class that begins Monday, November 21st. The department would like to review the policy on members taking and passing the MFR class. Would like to see a statement that they will work for us for a certain period of time so that we may get some reimbursement for the cost of the class. The annual tree lighting ceremony and community dinner will be held on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the fire hall. The Township Board needs to begin planning for the proposed Awards Banquet for the firemen in January. Trustee Brown will look into local establishments to hold the banquet.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The recreation plan is completed and a public hearing needs to be scheduled. A notice was sent to the Herald Times with a date for the hearing of November 29th at 7:00 p.m. The plan will be available to the public to look at in the following locations, on line at otsegolaketownship.org, the township hall in Waters and at the County Library. This is scheduled to be published on November 23, 2011.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Chairperson Pallarito will furnish the board with a yearend report. Also discussed holding a ceremony honoring all the veterans interred at our cemetery on Memorial Day 2012 at 10.00 a.m. Discussed future projects for the cemetery and provided a budget recommendation for the next fiscal year.

ROAD REPORT

Discussed some of the repairs to be included in the budget for next year. Tar and chip certain roads in the Guthrie Lakes and Michaywe subdivisions. Timber Valley needs attention. Other roads mentioned are Heart Lake, Circle Drive, Fawn Lake, Arbutus Beach Highlands and Lake Shore Drive. We need to get a list of roads from the Road Commission that they consider needing repairs.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Board reviewed and signed the monthly liquor reports. Supervisor Wagar feels that we need to look into action needed to eliminate the Constable position in our township. If we do this we will have to give the monies we receive to the local law enforcement agency that would be responsible for checking on those establishments selling liquor in our township. Another suggestion was to keep the constable but to adjust the wage to the amount we are receiving from the State of Michigan. Salary is presently \$2,912 per year. We received \$1,874 from the state. The excess income is taken from the general fund.

Planning Commission member Stults asked if the township has received any communication from Joe Ferrigan, at the county pertaining to the change to the trash ordinance so that it may be reviewed by the township board. So far the board has not seen anything.

Comments for the good of the township included looking into putting a school bus stop sign on the corner of Sherman Road and Kenyon Trail for the safety of children waiting for the bus in the morning darkness. Wagar will inquire about the possibility of having a sign at this location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.