

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, DECEMBER 27, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting that was scheduled for December 20th was postponed due to weather and rescheduled for December 27, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present; Wagar, Baker and Brown. Absent; Markovich and Jacobs.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Baker to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Brown to approve the bills for the General Fund for \$14,080.53, Fire Fund \$17,755.59 and Trash Fund \$15,162.00, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,058,673.30
Receipts	39,993.25
Disbursements	49,988.40
Ending Balance	\$1,048,678.15

TAX FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 17,315.66
Receipts	19,686.63
Disbursements	26,234.31
Ending Balance	\$ 10,767.98

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 163,313.85
Receipts	6,813.31
Disbursements	40,954.42
Ending Balance	\$ 129,172.74

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 58,186.34
Receipts	6.18
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$ 43,030.52

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Shelly reported that there were twenty-one runs since last reporting. Due to the storm there have been multiple calls for assistance. There have been some problems with the Waters Tower, hopefully this will be addressed after the 1st of the year. The Fire Fighters Association adopted a family for Christmas and delivered baskets to elderly EMS patients they helped during the year. These were purchased from funds raisers held during the year.

Discussion as to all the problems that arose due to all the power outages and the building being designated an emergency shelter. We need to come up with a solution as to who is given the code to enter the building so that it is not given out randomly. It is a public building, but still needs to be protected in case the code is mishandled. We need to have a policy on giving out the code, possibly a list of responsible people to come to the hall in the event of an emergency. We need to adopt a plan and put it in use during emergency situations. Wagar will check with MTA and see if they have any policies and also check with our insurance carrier.

CONSTABLES REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. They are still working on the Park Side Store.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown thanked the Fire Department for all that they do at Christmas.

Baker reported that there is no update on the street light and inquired if the broken street light was ever sent to the insurer of the party that knocked over the pole? At present we are having a problem getting information on the occurrence. Wagar was at Waters Garage, site of the accident, and the owner produced a letter from the parties insurance carrier. This letter will be given to the township clerk. There seems to be a problem with the street lights and lights on the township hall. We need to have Mikes Electric take a look at them and fix the problems.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Technically, there was no meeting due to a quorum not being present. There was a subcommittee formed and they interviewed two possible candidates for positions on the Planning Commission. They will be interviewed again at the January 3rd meeting. Susan LaVanway and Nora Corfis need to be reappointed to a new three year term ending on December 31, 2015. A motion was made by Baker to reappoint LaVanway and Corfis, seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Brown to pay the planning members for the unofficial meeting in December. Seconded by Wagar, motion carried with Baker abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Baker to reappoint board members to the following committees; Tim Baker, Planning Commission, Mary Brown, Fire Liaison and Cemetery Committee and Lorraine Markovich to the Park and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Wagar reported on future projects to be undertaken by the road commission and MDOT in the county. They are planning on resurfacing US 27 South from Old State Road to Sandy Lane in 2015. Perhaps the road commission needs to be reminded about Old 27 South from Marlette Road to the county line.

A motion was made by Brown to reappoint Board of Review members Buckley, Grieger and Laurencelle and alternate member Johnson to terms beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

There have been complaints about the plowing of snow left on roads from the storm in the Michaywe subdivision. There has been some improvement to the roads a week after the storm.

Comments heard for the good of the township. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on January 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Margaret Black, Deputy Clerk
Otsego Lake Township

