

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and three audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund of \$43,306.33, Fire Fund \$17,522.08, and the Trash Fund \$15,162.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,075,730.04
Receipts	1,290.32
Disbursements	18,347.06
Ending Balance	\$1,058,673.30

TAX FUND

Beginning Balance	\$44,680.24
Receipts	25,342.75
Disbursements	52,707.33
Ending Balance	\$17,315.66

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 180,247.10
Receipts	2,323.62
Disbursements	19,256.87
Ending Balance	\$ 163,313.85

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$73,340.34
Receipts	8.00
Disbursements	15,162.00
Ending Balance	\$58,186.34

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were twenty runs this month, seventeen of which were EMS runs. Fire training will be a foam demonstration put on at the bombing range. EMS training will be on level of care such as IV's, patients handling, hooking up a monitor etc. The new truck will be in service soon. We received a check for \$6,000.00 from the Don Morath Foundation which will be used for six handheld radios and installing spot chains for the new vehicle, unit 514. Chief Shelly is in the process of updating the Standard Operating Guidelines and will have it ready for review at the next township meeting. The department will do the annual tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the fire hall.

CONSTABLE REPORT

The new owners of the Parkside Store have applied for a liquor license. Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed and initialed reports. Also spoke to the owner of the Keg Bar about blocking the sidewalk in front of their establishment with a sign.

CEMETERY REPORT

At the meeting held on November 1st the committee discussed the condition of several of the older headstones that are damaged or in need of leveling. We are hoping to have a workshop on Restoration of Gravestones at the township hall. This workshop will be given by Mr. Jonathan Appel and will be an all-day seminar. Cost will be between \$1200-1500. Several people have expressed interest in attending. It was discussed as to whether we should spend money restoring the headstones. It was felt that restoring the civil war/ veteran's headstones would be preserving history. Discussed a request by Gaylord Funeral and Cremation for the township to hire a company to provide grave opening services, fees to be controlled by the township. The committee feels that the opening of graves should be left to the funeral home providing the service.

TAX TRIBUNAL – DOVER TOWNSHIP

Wagar updated the board on the Dover vs. Treetops tax tribunal case. Dover is appealing the decision. This will be discussed at the Otsego County Township Officers meeting on Tuesday, November 20th.

NEW BUSINESS

We have received a list of properties that are up for tax sale. The township has the right of first refusal for those properties in our township. If there were something for sale near the south entrance of Michaywe we might be interested to use for an additional water source for firefighting purposes.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

A letter read from Justin Wing, a resident of Guthrie Lakes, approving the road work that was done in his area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on December 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk