

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES, AUGUST 16, 2012**

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

**CLERKS REPORT**

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of July 19, 2012, seconded by Jacobs, motion carried. A motion was made by Brown to approve bills for the General Fund of \$30,353.13, Fire Fund \$2,766.94 and the Trash Fund of \$15,162.00 Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$1,291,978.74
Receipts	37,097.13
Disbursements	55, 147.74
Ending Balance	\$1,273,928.13

**TAX ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,119.40
Receipts	441,371.59
Disbursements	209,029.72
Ending Balance	<u>\$233,461.27</u>

**FIRE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 302,463.42
Receipts	289.93
Disbursements	5,692.30
Ending Balance	\$ 297,061.05

**TRASH FUND**

Beginning Balance	<u>\$119,390.87</u>
Receipts	13.72
Disbursements	15,762.00
Ending Balance	\$103,642.59

A motion was made by Baker to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. The treasurer has been doing research into direct deposit of payroll checks. Board felt that we needed more information before approving a resolution approving direct deposit. This will be tabled until next month.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Report given by Chief Shelly. There have been 24 runs since last report. At the next EMS training there will be member of hospice who will give a brief summary on what they do and when they are needed. We have ordered four new SCBA tanks and four sets of turnout gear. These items were budgeted for this year. The training policy has been revised. It requires students to pay 25% of the cost of the class, reimbursement will be made after passing class and tests. Must be active for 20% of runs. If student meets the above criteria the township will reimburse them for 25% of the cost of the class. The student will pay their portion to the class administrator. After much discussion a motion was made by Brown and seconded by Jacobs to approve the training policy pending approval by the township attorney. Motion carried.

The cost for the changes to the new fire vehicle will be \$13,500.00. No decision on what to do with the old vehicle.

Wagar received a resolution from Richard Harland, Grayling Charter Township Supervisor asking our township for a letter of support for to examine the benefit of a trail from Otsego Lake State Park to North Higgins Lake State Park. A motion was made by Baker supporting the proposed trail, seconded by Brown, motion carried. They did include a resolution but the last page was not included in the correspondence, so no action was taken on the resolution.

A group of residents from Guthrie Lakes, including association president Max Grider addressed the board concerning the recent level of bombing at the range near their property. The "Good neighbor policy" that was in place has expired. This limited bombing to certain times of the day. They are asking for the board's help to get the policy reinstated. Wagar agreed to make a few calls on their behalf.

#### CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed and signed reports. Has received a few complaints and has informed Joe Ferrigan.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

Baker reported that he needs information from the committee working on Thunder Over Waters in order to update the web page. The material should be in next week so that work can begin on the doors at the fire hall. The holdup on the sidewalks is on the property in front of ODS.

We have received a request from the owner the ODS property requesting an Industrial Development District be established. Jeff Radcliff is working on this and should be ready for board approval at our next meeting.

We have received a bill from the Otsego County Road Commission for work on 8 miles of public road in the township. The cost is \$141,360.00. A motion was made by Brown to pay the bill, seconded by Baker, motion carried.

Comments for the good of the township. Heard complaints about the unlimited use of fireworks that Michigan now allows. Is there anything that can be done?

Thunder Over Waters member Goosman addressed the board and presented the proper documentation and insurance papers to put on a fireworks display the evening of Thunder Over Waters September 2, 2012. A motion was made by Brown to approve the permit for fireworks, seconded by Baker, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20 and begin at 6:30 p.m. with a hearing for the special assessment district for fire protection. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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