

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2013**

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. Board members present; Wagar, Johnson, Markovich, Deputy Treasurer D. Coutant, and Constable M. Coutant. Absent; J. Brown and M. Brown. Also present eight audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Wagar, motion carried. A motion was made by Wagar to pay bills for the General Fund of \$21,300.62, Fire Fund \$10,639.28 and Trash Fund of \$15,753.60. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Wagar to approve the meeting dates for the township board for 2014. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$932,587.27
Receipts	38,820.92
Disbursements	26,596.02
Ending Balance	\$944,812.17

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$189,261.09
Receipts	119.12
Disbursements	9,554.43
Ending Balance	\$179,825.78

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 54,472.88
Receipts	3.85
Disbursements	15,753.60
Ending Balance	\$ 43,723.13

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 12,037.43
Receipts	13,079.88
Disbursements	20,437.08
Ending Balance	\$ 4,680.23

A motion to approve the treasurer's report as read by Deputy Treasurer D. Countant, was made by Markovich and seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief's report read by Chief Tucker. There were eleven fire calls for November 2013. This month's training was on the quad and toboggan, attended the county wide chief's meeting. The firefighting class for Otsego County has been cancelled due to lack of attendance. Thanked the Waters Business Group and all those who helped with the Christmas Lighting Ceremony. The After Holiday Party will be held at the fire hall on Saturday January 11th at 5:00 p.m. It will be a pot luck dinner.

EMT report presented by Douglas Fox, EMT Coordinator. There were eighteen calls, two calls missed for November 2013. Gary Gehringer has been rehired and will be responding to fire and EMS calls. Also, new member Dawn Warsko will be responding to EMS calls only and attending the Basic EMT course in January. Fox has requested permission to attend a Michigan State Police Training Academy. Cost of the class is \$1,265.00. He will be paying out of pocket 25% leaving a balance for the fire department to pay

\$948.75. He will not be asking for mileage or pay to attend the class. A motion was made by Wagar to pay 75% of the cost to send Fox to the training class, seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Report presented by Constable M. Coutant. Everything checked out during monthly inspections. Board reviewed reports.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Johnson reported that Jeff Radcliff has resigned as the Economic Development Coordinator for Otsego County. He has been checking on the cooling runs in the attic on the south end of the township hall. We have received various estimates, depending on how much work is involved to bring them up to code. Johnson will contact Ken Newman of Northwood Plumbing & Heating as this work has to be done before we add insulation to the area. We have received a bid from T-M Insulation in the amount of \$2,345.00 which includes labor and material to do both the north and south attic area of the hall. A motion was made by Wagar to contract with T-M after the heating runs are taken care of. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by planning member Johnson. Presented their annual report and budget recommendations for next fiscal year. Also talked about preparations for the public hearing on the Proposed Highway Interchange Zoning District.

Glen Roberts, Michaywe resident, thanked the township for all of the work on roads in the Michaywe area.

We have received contracts from the Otsego County Road Commission for proposed work in 2014 to Old US 27 South from Old State Road to Memorial Drive in the amount of \$144,144.00 and construction engineering on the project for \$19,500.00 totaling \$163,644.00. A motion was made by Wagar and seconded by Johnson to sign the contracts for the proposed work. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wagar to upgrade E. Opal Lake Road in 2014. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

Comments heard for the good of the township. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township