

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the township board was called to order by Clerk Markovich at 7:00 p.m. With the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present; Brown, Baker, Jacobs and Markovich. Absent; Wagar. Also present three audience members. A motion was made by Markovich to have Brown conduct the meeting seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Jacobs to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 board meeting. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund of \$14,369.34, Fire Fund \$9,464.10 and the Trash Fund of \$15,753.60. Motion carried. A motion was made by Baker to approve the contract to give \$500.00 (to SANE) for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2013. Seconded by Jacobs, motion approved. After discussion of the new guidelines for filing for hardship exemption a motion was made Baker to approve the guidelines but to have our attorney review and make changes he feels necessary. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,032,937.72
Receipts	113,078.53
Disbursements	32,710.51
Ending Balance	\$1,113,305.74

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 808,748.20
Receipts	667,424.92
Disbursements	1,002,087.92
Ending Balance	\$ 474,085.20

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 110,934.51
Receipts	8.98
Disbursements	18,299.81
Ending Balance	\$ 92,643.68

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 27,872.62
Receipts	2.51
Disbursements	\$ 15,753.60
Ending Balance	\$ 12,121.53

A motion to approve the treasurer's report as read was made by Baker and seconded by Markovich. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were a total of twenty seven runs this month. Fire training was cancelled due to bad weather. EMS training will be on CPR. Meth lab awareness training is being coordinated with Sgt Mitch Steven of the Michigan State Police for our mandatory haz-mat training. Two students are attending the firefighter class in Frederic.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Baker had no report on the damaged street light. Constable Brown will do a follow up and see what the status is. Brown commented on a thank you note received by the fire department for an EMS run. It was appreciated.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on some of the happenings around the county.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked during the monthly liquor inspections of area businesses. The Parkside Store is waiting for approval of a liquor license. The tentative date for the opening is April 16th.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Jacobs read a resolution to collect summer taxes for the COOR School District. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Jacobs and seconded by Markovich. Roll call vote; Baker, aye; Jacobs, aye; Brown, aye; and Markovich, aye. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

The next budget workshop will be held on Monday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 21, 2013 beginning with the Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township