

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2013**

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 ten audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by M. Brown to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$29,077.66, Fire Fund \$2,441.30 and Trash Fund \$15,753.60. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,156,534.02
Receipts	36,387.23
Disbursements	36,624.58
Ending Balance	\$1,156,296.67

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 505.32
Receipts	400,310.58
Disbursements	258,879.71
Ending Balance	\$141,936.19

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 207,999.46
Receipts	1,517.52
Disbursements	4,428.63
Ending Balance	\$ 205,088.35

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$122,457.36
Receipts	9.79
Disbursements	15,753.60
Ending Balance	\$106,713.55

A motion was made by Markovich to approve the treasurer's report as of July 31, 2013. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. The assessor and the treasurer would like to upgrade the BS&A assessing and tax program that they currently use to a newer version called dot.net through the same company. Price is \$9,900.00. After discussion a motion was made by Johnson to purchase the new program. Seconded by M. Brown. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire chief was not present so there was no report. There will be EEOC training on August 22nd at 3 to 5 p.m. at the township hall. All fire department officers and township officials are encouraged to attend.

CONSTABLE AND ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Nothing new to report as far as violations or complaints having to do with ordinances. There is a house that should be reported behind the Friendship Shelter. Everything checked out during the monthly liquor inspections.

We have received responses from individuals interested in filling the vacant constable position. Douglas Fox and Charles Coutant each told about their background and qualifications in applying for the position. After hearing both a motion was made by J. Brown to appoint Charles Coutant to be our new constable. Seconded by M. Brown. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Brown reported that fire department member D. Fox paid out of pocket \$175.00 to take an initial AEMT Practical Exam and \$100.00 for a written exam for Advanced EMT. A motion was made by M. Brown to reimburse Mr. Fox \$275.00 for these two exams. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried.

Johnson attended some association meetings and surveyed members as to their opinions on putting in tennis courts. The results were about 50/50. He feels we need better signage for our township park. Perhaps getting a sign from the road commission on both sides of US 27 to better inform people that there is a park in the area and to promote it on the Web Site. The third milfoil treatment for Bradford Lake has been applied and seems effective. There will be a meeting with lake front owners in late September or early October. There is a 30' lot at the south end of Bradford Lake but has no idea what the lot was to be used for.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Discussed changes to the Future Land Use Map due to the Highway Interchange Zoning district. Training was on Article 18 of the county zoning ordinance. Members were reminded of the evening training session put on by MTA on August 27th at the Otsego Club. The next meeting will be September 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting was held on August 5th and was attended by Trustee Johnson at the request of the committee in order to give suggestions for developing future uses for the rear of the cemetery. There will be Headstone Restoration Seminar on October 7th at the township hall. Cost is \$50.00 and will cover the workshop, handouts, hands on project and lunch. Invitations have been sent to surrounding communities. The next meeting will be held on September 9th at the township hall at 6:30 p.m.

Wagar updated the board on recent road work that has been completed in the Michaywe and Guthrie Lakes area. We have received a bill from the road commission for this work in the amount of \$164,200. A motion was made by J. Brown to pay the bill in the amount stated. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. Also informed the board of the plans to improve Old US 27 South from Old State Road to Sandy Lane in Waters.

Comments heard for the good of the township included questions on whether the fire chief signed the contract he was given at last month's meeting and is the EEOC training open to only the fire chief or can other members of the department attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 19, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a hearing for the Special Assessment District for Fire Protection and the regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

