

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2015**

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

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by G. Johnson to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by G. Johnson to approve bills for General Fund of \$38,011.53, Fire Fund of \$3,365.45 and Trash Fund of \$15,957.76. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$893,313.81
Receipts	50,932.19
Disbursements	44,548.54
Ending Balance	\$899,697.46

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$309,636.31
Receipts	6,555.62
Disbursements	3,953.39
Ending Balance	\$312,238.54

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$120,197.25
Receipts	4.60
Disbursements	16,060.90
Ending Balance	\$104,140.95

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 997.29
Receipts	407,276.17
Disbursements	183,144.30
Ending Balance	\$225,129.16

A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by G. Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried. Treasurer Brown would like to attend a MMTA class being offered in Grand Rapids from September 20 thru the 23rd. A motion was made by G. Johnson and seconded by M. Brown to approve the treasurer attending the class. Motion carried.

Tony Esson, Architect working on the township hall porch remodel has received two bids for the remodel of the porch on the west side of the building. Bids were received from Ripman Construction out of St. Helen, Michigan for \$81,535.00 plus bond of 950.00, and a bid from RCI Construction of Traverse City for \$99,599.00 plus bond of \$2,990.00. A motion was made by G. Johnson and seconded by J. Brown to use Ripman Construction for the remodel to the township hall porch. Motion carried. We will amend the budget at the next meeting when we know the exact figure with the bond added in.

We have received an agreement from the Otsego County Road Commission for work on Snow Moon Court, Doepath Place and Cardinal Court in Michaywe. The estimated cost is \$109,680.00. A motion was made by Wagar and seconded by G. Johnson to sign the agreement for the stated amount. J. Brown voted no. Motion carried. We also received a bill for cost overrun on the Opal Lake Project in the amount of \$10,200.00. A motion was made by G. Johnson to finish paying for the work. Seconded by M. Brown, J. Brown opposed. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker. There were twenty seven runs for the month with ten missed calls. There will be a MFR class offered at Gaylord from September 14 until October 9, 2015. We will have two people attending at a cost of \$250.00 each. Also another member will be taking the class as a refresh at no charge.

CONSTABLE REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

No reports.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by G. Johnson. The planning commission has come to an agreement to hire Randy Stults, past planning member to advise on rewriting the Master Plan for the township. He is very knowledgeable in all aspects of the township and county planning and zoning. He has agreed to \$100.00 per meeting. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by J. Brown to hire Mr. Stults to act as a consultant for the rewriting and updating of the township master plan for the agreed price. Motion carried. The planning commission denied Johnson Oils request for rezoning from HX/Highway Interchange Zoning District to B3/Business, Light Manufacturing Zoning District for the installation of an eighteen thousand gallon propane tank for distribution in the area.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Report given by C. Wohlfeil. The splash pad is well used. All children seem to enjoy it very much. We have received another bid for cameras at the park. It is from Protection One for \$3,997.00 with an additional \$1,600.00 from Landscape Plus for electrical trenching and building a compartment under the pavilion roof to store the screen and equipment. A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by G. Johnson to accept the bids. Motion carried. We will be using a Boy Scout who is working towards his Eagle Badge to put in markers and posts at the Nature Trail.

CEMETERY REPORT

Report presented by D. Newman. We have received a quote to repair some damaged historical headstones at the cemetery. It is from Sacred Spaces and is for repair, leveling and spraying of an anti-bacterial solution on eight historical headstones. The cost will be between \$4,860.00 and \$5,100.00. Before voting on restoring the headstones we will contact MTA or our attorney to see if this is a legal expense. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by M. Brown to proceed with the headstone work pending approval from attorney. Northwood Plumbing presented a bid of \$6,000.00 plus \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for electrical to build a 6 x 6 block building at the cemetery to replace the old pump house. After discussion it was decided that a larger building with a finish exterior similar to the vault toilet at the township park would be better suited for the purpose. Possibly 8 x 8. This will be discussed at the next cemetery meeting on September 14, 2015.

We have received a request to vacate a road in the Heart Lake Subdivision. A resolution was read by Clerk Markovich approving the action. A motion was made by J. Brown to adopt the resolution for vacating the road. Seconded by G. Johnson, motion to adopt the resolution passed.

Johnson has gotten a quote from the county road commission for six ORV signs. Would like permission to order the signs. Cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by J. Brown to allow Johnson to order the signs for the stated price. Motion carried.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Email from Supervisor Wagar read by township resident Dave Matelski. Resident walked out with no explanation to board as to the situation. Wagar stated it was about resident's neighbor complaining of clanging on flagpole all the time. No action taken by the board. Complaint from Stults concerning the placement of Farmers Market signs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. with a Public Hearing for the Special Assessment District for the Fire Department. Regular meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township