

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2015**

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. Members present; Wagar, Markovich, J. Brown, Johnson and Constable Coutant. Absent; M. Brown. Also present four audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the minutes of last meeting as presented. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by Johnson to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$40,783.56, Fire Fund \$5,633.33 and Trash Fund of \$16,069.81. Motion carried. Board members were given the proposed 2016 meeting schedule to review and approve. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the proposed schedule, seconded by J. Brown, Motion carried. Resident Stults informed the board that this needs to be approved by a resolution of the board. No action taken at this time will check and act accordingly.

Michael Buckley, Board of Review member has given the board his official resignation. Alternate member Coutant would become a regular member of the board with Welter as an alternate. A motion was made by Markovich to appoint Coutant to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Buckley which expires December 31, 2016. Seconded by Wagar, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$868,798.11
Receipts	40,660.29
Disbursements	151,324.88
Ending Balance	\$758,133.52

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$298,641.75
Receipts	47.70
Disbursements	10,093.99
Ending Balance	\$288,595.45

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,050.87
Receipts	19,106.26
Disbursements	23,630.59
Ending Balance	\$ 6,526.54

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 53,277.51
Receipts	1.85
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$ 40,321.60

A motion was made by Markovich to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tom Sensabaugh would like to see a Boy Scout Explorer program started at the fire department. Will look into this further. Chief Tucker reported that there were 22 calls for November 2015. Of those, seven were missed calls. Hydrant at the end of Lakeview should be repaired by December 19, 2015. It will be moved back and a guard rail installed. We have received a 50/50 grant in the amount of \$1,750.00 from the DNR. It is for wild fire turn out equipment. Our hoses were tested by National

Hose. Six sections failed completely, some are outdated and need replacing. In all we need to replace 20 sections of 1 ½" and 22 sections of 2 ½ ". Cost to replace is \$4,800 plus shipping. A motion was made by Markovich to order the sections of hose that need to be replaced for the stated price. Motion seconded by J. Brown and carried. With the number of missed calls the department is experiencing we may have to look into changing from first responder status to only doing first aid which would allow us to have all members respond to emergency runs, not just EMS. Will look into this further also.

Clark Noirot, resident of Bagley Township, spoke of his concerns with the high water level of Otsego Lake. The level is too high and he wants to find out where he can go to get help in lowering the lake level. It was suggested that he attend the next Otsego County Road Commission meeting as they are the ones that control the levels of lakes in our area. It was suggested that he call ahead to get placed on the agenda for the meeting.

CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly constable inspections of liquor establishment. After receiving many complaints about garbage not being picked up in the Artubus Beach area Jerry Brown and Area Waste owner Scott Matley rode the garbage truck during pickup in in that area. Trash that was lying on the ground and could be picked up was loaded on the truck. There was some trash that could not be picked up. They have cleaned up a large area of trash in Arbutus Beach Highlands. A report has been filed with Land Use Services . They have issued a ticket to Hostman and he was given until January 4, 2016 to respond.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Johnson reported that there are NO ORV signs posted by the State Park. Ripman Construction has had some delays but should be finished by the end of next week. A motion was made to have Ripman Construction install the bulletin board next to the drop box near the curb, estimated cost to be \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by J. Brown to hire Ripman to install the bulletin board. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by Johnson. Mr. Johnson of Johnson Oil was present and explained that currently there are two 1500 gallon propane tanks used to heat the convenience store and restaurant. Johnson would like to install a single 18,000 gallon tank to use for heating and occasional refueling of Johnson propane delivery trucks. He would like the planning commission to recommend to the county that above ground storage of propane tanks be added to allowable uses in the HX district. If this is undertaken the proposed location of the storage tank on Marlette Road is not considered a desirable location by the planning commission members. Mr. Johnson stated he would determine if an alternate location could be found on the property and would contact the planning commission before the next meeting. The planning commission will determine whether to move forward with proposing a change in the Highway Interchange District. Jack Udebrock will be the new planning chair, Nora Corfis will continue as secretary and Madonna Sussex will serve as Vice-Chair. The planning commission recommended that Susan LaVanway and Nora Corfis be reappointed to a new three year term on the commission to run through December 31, 2018. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by to reappoint them to a new term. Motion carried. A proposed budget for the year 2016-2017 was presented to the board.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose updated the township board on what was going on at the county level. She reported that Randy Stults has been appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board.

We have received a bid from Alpine Carpet to replace the carpet in the 4 offices at the township hall. Cost to do this is \$3,670.00. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by Markovich to accept the bid from Alpine Carpet to put new carpeting in the offices in the amount of \$3,670.00. Motion was carried.

Comments heard from public. Resident Stults advised the board how expensive the Rails to Trails project will be and to budget accordingly next year. This is a project that can be used for a long time and would benefit the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next regular meeting will be January 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township