

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the township board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present; Wagar, Markovich, J. Brown, Johnson and Constable Coutant. Absent M. Brown. Seven audience members were in attendance including Scott Mattley of Area Waste, Tim Petroskey of Consumers Energy and Jeff McCray of Burnham & Flower Insurance.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,962.12, Fire Fund \$11,960.60 and Trash Fund \$15,957.76. Seconded by J. Brown, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$849,411.64
Receipts	4,158.88
Disbursements	56,447.19
Ending Balance	\$797,123.33

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$219,945.18
Receipts	18.42
Disbursements	5,021.67
Ending Balance	\$214,941.93

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,281.07
Receipts	932,945.07
Disbursements	363,717.13
Ending Balance	\$575,509.01

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 39,751.43
Receipts	2.58
Disbursements	16,392.79
Ending Balance	\$ 23,361.22

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

ASSESSOR REPORT

A split by James Varnus off of Woodrige Drive, was presented to the board for signatures.

OTHER BUSINESS

An update was given by Mr. Matley of Area Waste on the first couple of weeks of trash pickup by our new hauler. One of the biggest problems is residences being missed because trash has not been put out early enough. Suggest putting garbage out the night before or by 7:00 a.m.

Tim Petroskey of Consumers Energy presented and explained the new 30 year Electric Utility Gas Franchise Ordinance being requested by Consumers Energy. A motion was made by J. Brown to adopt Ordinance #2015-01 Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. Seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote; Wagar-aye, Markovich-aye, J. Brown-aye and Johnson-aye. Motion to adopt the ordinance 2015-01 is carried. This will become official thirty days after publication.

Burnham & Flower representative, Mr. McCray reviewed the contents of the annual insurance renewal for the township and fire department. After discussion a motion was made by J. Brown to pay the annual premium February 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016 period for in the amount of \$14,638.00. This will be divided between the township and the fire department. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Tucker. There were twenty-four runs for the month of December. The chief's meeting will be held on February 16th at station 2. The department needs to purchase a new pulse oximeter for a cost of \$543.95. The one presently in use by EMS is being held together with tape. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by Johnson to purchase the meter for the quoted price of \$543.95. Motion carried.

CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

All establishments checked during monthly liquor inspections. Reports reviewed by board. There is a trailer on Morehead property backed up to a fence on 75 south. This will be looked into and see if it does not comply with our billboard ordinance.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Report by Trustee Johnson. The township web site needs to be updated. Do we hire someone or have our office assistant work on the changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Wagar would like to look into solutions for the discrepancies in the amount of monies the different townships are paying for fire protection.

Comments heard for the good of the township. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.