

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the board was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and seven audience members. Supervisor Wagar explained some new proposed procedures for hearing public comments and using a consent agenda at our future meetings. Wagar will look into by-laws and policies and report back at the next month's meeting,

CLERK REPORT

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting with corrections. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by M. Brown to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$21,729.13, Fire Fund \$3,033.98, and Trash Fund \$15,957.76. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. An invoice was received from the Otsego County Road Commission for work on Snow Moon Court, Doepath Place and Cardinal Court in the amount of \$110,616.80. A motion was made by M. Brown to pay the bill for the invoiced amount. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$865,708.57
Receipts	55,857.92
Disbursements	30,770.18
Ending Balance	\$890,796.31

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$308,430.27
Receipts	55.29
Disbursements	6,039.98
Ending Balance	\$302,445.58

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 88,187.20
Receipts	3.27
Disbursements	15,957.76
Ending Balance	\$ 75,232.71

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 386,179.79
Receipts	1,533,248.10
Disbursements	1,810,622.07
Ending Balance	\$ 108,805.82

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson to set the operating millage for the township operating millage according to the Headlee Rollback. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report given by Chief Tucker. There were thirteen calls for the month of September, three EMS, five fire and five missed calls. Defective lights have been replaced at the fire hall. Permission was given to install four motion sensors at a cost of \$65.00 per sensor in the building. Nick Stephans has completed the MFR class and is waiting to take the National Registry Test. Chief Tucker reported on the MTA Seminar on Emerging Issues in Emergency Services that he attended in Frankenmuth on October 14th. He felt that it is informative and well worth attending.

CONSTABLE REPORT

All establishments checked out during monthly inspections. Reports signed by board. There were two Ordinance Officer complaints this month, one of a messy yard on First Court Ave and the other about downed limbs and trees cluttering the area.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brown reported on an email she received from a resident who lives on Summit Drive about the condition of the boat launch on Chub Lake. This is a public landing. Someone will check to see if there is a DNR notice at the boat launch. The township cannot spend any monies to do any upgrading at the site.

There was no Fire Liaison report.

Trustee Johnson reported on the standing of the ORV signs. They are being put up. Still have to put up five of the signs but first must decide where they would be more visible. The cost of the signs will be around \$800.00. ORVs are not allowed on any DNR trail in the State of Michigan. The sill plate under the west facing steps was found to be rotted during construction. The plate needs to be replaced before continuing with any further building. Estimated cost should be \$1,100.00. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the expenditure for the sill plate. Seconded by M. Brown, motion carried. Will check on the milfoil treatment assessment balance for this year and provide Johnson with the information.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by Johnson. Work continued on the Master Plan, it is estimated that it should take about five months to complete the updating. The planning commission will check into the status of the Johnson Oil Case concerning the above ground propane storage tanks they would like to install at the Hilltop. The noise ordinance will be taken up at the next planning commission meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was no meeting held. The next meeting will be in January of 2016.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

No meeting held. The next meeting will be November 9, 2015

OLD BUSINESS

DAV Property: With the retirement of our attorney DuBois our legal cases are being handled by Attorney Paul Slough who has replaced DuBois. The deed we have is a copy and we cannot record it with the County. We need to advertise in the newspaper to see if there are persons with interests, or problems with ownership of the property. The cost should be about \$1,500.00. It needs to be recorded legally if we ever intend to sell or mortgage the property. Since we are not familiar with Attorney

Slough the board asked Wagar to look into his background experience and knowledge of township law and experience.

The street lights are now installed and working on Fawn Lake and Heart Lake. It appears that the Fawn Lake light is partially obscured due to tree branches. Wagar will check to see if this tree can be trimmed.

Farmers Market Update: The project was run by township resident Denise Matteini. She is out of town this month. The township will extend an invitation for her to come to the next meeting and update the board on the outcome of the market in its first year.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the pros and cons of a consent agenda it was decided that Wagar will get more information on township laws for using a consent agenda. We would only use this for such items as approving minutes, bills, and treasurer's report. We will discuss this further at the next board meeting.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Resident Nora Corfis asked if the township had gotten any estimates of cost savings if we change to LED replacement lights in all of light fixtures in the township. Wagar will check and report back at the next meeting. Resident Stults again raised the question as to whether the L4029 report had been done correctly. The report has been completed and signed by the clerk. Wagar will talk to our Assessor for further information on the report. Resident and County Commissioner Backenstose updated the board on happenings at the county. She received a letter from Up North Prevention on October 26th on the Marijuana Act. They are interested in hearing comments for and against. The Community Center will open on October 19th. She also reported that taxable value has dropped in the county. Resident Leo Sensabaugh would like to see the township follow through with the firefighters who were on standby at the Fly In at the Gaylord Airport this summer. How are the firefighters from Gaylord being paid? Has anyone talked to people from the Gaylord Fire Department? Are they being paid and other departments just expected to be there? Resident Bill Hanson again asked about a possible sidewalk on Passenheim Road ending at Old 27. Mentioned he is concerned with light pollution from street lights and can anything be done to lessen the emissions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be November 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township