

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2016**

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wagar at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present. There were no audience members present.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by J. Brown to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting and the special meeting of January 7, 2016. Seconded by Johnson, motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by Johnson to pay bills for the General Fund of \$64,433.06, Fire Fund \$16,950.70 and Trash Fund \$15,957.76. A motion was made by M. Brown and seconded by Markovich to move \$47,873.28 from the tax account into the Trash Fund. This will cover payments for January, February and March 2016 due to the difference in fiscal year dates. Motion carried. A motion was made by J. Brown and seconded by M. Brown to renew the township and fire department insurance policy with Burnham & Flower in the amount of \$15,526 to be divided between the general fund and the fire fund for the amount of \$7,763.00 each but to insure the fire department vehicles at replacement value for an additional \$2,366.00 making the payment for the fire department annual insurance cost at \$10,129.00. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$758,133.52
Receipts	16,570.68
Disbursements	48,372.10
Ending Balance	\$726,332.10

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$288,595.45
Receipts	77.63
Disbursements	6,595.90
Ending Balance	\$282,077.18

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 40,321.60
Receipts	1.16
Disbursements	16,079.81
Ending Balance	\$ 24,242.95

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,526.54
Receipts	781,278.61
Disbursements	324,311.13
Ending Balance	\$463,311.13

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by M. Brown to approve the treasurer's report as presented. J. Brown has been looking into contracting with a vendor to be able to accept payment for taxes by credit card. There would be no cost to the township, but there is a three percent fee to the customer by the company. A motion was made by M. Brown to allow the treasurer to research companies and make a choice as to what one would work better for our township. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

J. Brown would like to redo our township web page. He has spoken with Revise about redoing the site. This would allow us to be able to make updates and changes. It was suggested that he contact townships that are using this company and see if they satisfied with the results.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by M. Brown in the absence of Chief Tucker. Discussed surrendering our med life license since it was brought up by J. Deming about how many missed calls we are having. This will be discussed at the next department meeting in February. The chiefs meeting is also in February.

CONSTABLE/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Everything checked out during monthly inspections of liquor establishments. There were no enforcement complaints this month.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

M. Brown had no trustee report but did give a Fire Liaison report. The annual reviews are being done. There will be a Search and Rescue drill at Camp Grayling. They have a mock city set up. Our department will be participating. M. Brown and J. Brown will be dispatchers. Things are running smoother at the fire department due mainly to Chief Tucker.

Trustee Johnson gave the okay to pay the bill we received from Aquatic Nuisance Control for \$400.00. It is the annual fee required by the State of Michigan.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by Johnson. There was no meeting this month. We will be discussing the Johnson case at the planning meeting in February. Ed Johnson, representing Johnson Oil will be at the meeting to state his case and answer questions.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting was held on January 27, 2016. Discussed adding some new type of equipment on the lines between a zip line and a swing, it is called a Gravity Rail. We will look into this further. We worked on the budget for the next fiscal year. Also discussed possible improvements to the property across the street from the township hall, and doing something with the property behind the DAV Memorial. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Markovich, to reappoint Dianne Coutant and Christine Wohlfeil to new three year terms to the park committee ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

We have received two contracts from the Otsego County Road Commission for road work in the Michaywe community. They want us to share the cost of the road work with them. The first contract is for Foothills Trail and will come from millage money for their share. Total estimated cost is \$200,000. They are asking the township to pay \$25,000 and OCRC to pay \$175,000. The other contract is for Deer Park Court, Hungry Hollow Court and Hummingbird Court. Cost for these roads is estimated at \$122,680 with our share at \$92,000. After discussion a motion was made by M. Brown to approve the proposed road work at the estimated cost, but only if the work will be done in 2016. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

Received a contract from Otsego County Eco monic Alliance. No decision at this time. We also received a contract for fiscal year 2016-2017 from Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) for \$500.00. A motion was made by Markovich and seconded by Johnson to sign the contract.

The budget workshop will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be February 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township