

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, JANUARY 20, 2011**

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

CLERK'S REPORT

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$25,715.74, Fire fund \$14,140.21, and Trash Fund of \$15,092.00. The cost of renewing our annual insurance for the township and the fire department in the amount of \$7,680 each is included in the above amounts. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,267,564.57
Receipts	19,223.68
Disbursements	16,785.64
Ending Balance	\$1,270,002.61

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,695.58
Receipts	865,981.93
Disbursements	260,903.55
Ending Balance	\$607,773.96

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 201,812.11
Receipts	24.76
Disbursements	12,688.69
Ending Balance	\$ 189,148.18

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 43,341.37
Receipts	7.83
Disbursements	15,092.00
Ending Balance	\$ 28,257.20

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. We have had twenty-one runs since last month. Our fire training was on search and rescue and SCBA use and inspection. EMS training will be on blood borne pathogens. Our EMS training next month will be CPR and setting up a class to allow us to teach this in-house and some community classes in the future. The After Holidays Party went very well, turnout was light but the food was excellent. Discussion at the Chief's meeting was on upcoming training and re-banding of radios and towers. We are waiting on final paper work from Verizon to install cell phones in trucks. No charge for phones and six cents a minute. We now have six EMT licenses for the department.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Brown reported that at the After Holidays Party Gabe Bober and Dale Tucker were given five year pins. Shelly, our fire chief was not given a pin but has ten years of service to our department.

Baker has been working to keep the web site up to date, but is having some trouble working with Alpine Computer but is coming around. We are in the process of getting bids to replace the boilers at the township hall. We have a bid from Family Plumbing and Heating and have asked Northwood Plumbing for a bid also. Tonight Ken Newman from Northwood Plumbing and Heating and Jim Herzer from Great Lakes Pipe Supply are here to give a presentation on high efficiency boilers and a unit they would recommend installing at the township. They also discussed water heaters and options available for the hall. Baker asked Newman to put together a bid for the hall and submit as soon as he can.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report presented by Baker. The planning commission will be working on the master plan as it expires at the end of 2011. The Recreation Plan will be broken out of the master plan and the park and recreation committee will begin working on updating this at their upcoming meetings. The planning commission is in need of alternates. They will not be meeting on a monthly basis, but will meet if they have business that needs to be taken care of.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report presented by Markovich. We have not had a meeting recently, but there is one scheduled for Monday and we will be discussing the parks and recreation plan. We are also in need of a member.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Brown has e-mailed the updated cemetery ordinance to the board for their input. Baker had some suggestions that were added to the ordinance. The ordinance has been reviewed by our attorney and those changes were also made. The cost of lots and fees for repurchasing and transferring lots has been removed from the ordinance and a fee schedule has been drawn up and put into a resolution. After some discussion a motion was made by Baker to adopt the Amended Otsego Lake Township Cemetery Ordinance 96-1 and seconded by Brown. Roll call vote: Brown, aye; Markovich, aye; Wagar, aye; Jacobs, aye; and Baker, aye. All ayes, motion to adopt the ordinance carried. A motion was made by Brown to adopt the Otsego Lake Township Resolution to Adopt Cemetery Fees and seconded by Baker. Roll call vote: Baker, aye; Jacobs, aye; Wagar, aye, Markovich, aye; and Brown, aye. All ayes, fee resolution adopted.

We have received the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Service Agreement. It is for two years and asks for an annual fee which is left up to individual townships to decide on the amount they are willing to give. After discussing various amounts to pay annually a motion was made by Brown to enter into a two year agreement with SANE and to pay them \$500.00 a year for two years. Seconded by Markovich, motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on the recycling committee meeting. She would like to see a member of the township board attend the meetings. The next meeting will be February 24th at 1:30 p.m. in Rm 101 at the courthouse. Discussion has come up about funding recycling by special assessment.

NEW BUSINESS

Wagar has been approached by American Waste to change the dates of trash pickup in the township. Suggested days and areas are west of I-75, pickup on Monday and east of I-75 on Wednesdays. A suggestion was made that the township split the cost of mailing post card notices to residents with American Waste. After discussion the board feels that since this is in the interest of the trash company they should cover the cost of the mailings and the township would pay for advertising the changes in the paper. No decision was made at this time. Wagar will get in touch with American Waste and see if they are still interested in continuing with the change of pickup.

The township has been asked to cover the cost of lodging and dinner for our assessor for a tax tribunal case he has to defend in Lansing next month. The board feels that we should pay for his expenses since it is township business.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township