

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, MAY 19, 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 ten audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

Motion made by Jacobs to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Motion made by Baker to approve paying the bills for the month of May 2011 for the General Fund of \$31,293.67, Fire Fund \$4,471.81, and Trash Fund of \$15,141.00. Seconded by Jacobs, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,385,567.79
Receipts	679.12
Expenditures	16,037.17
Ending Balance	\$1,370,209.74

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$208,113.10
Receipts	541.28
Expenditures	207,077.31
Ending Balance	\$ 1,577.07

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 151,560.28
Receipts	145,854.81
Expenditures	6,964.01
Ending Balance	\$ 290,451.08

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 84,800.13
Receipts	62,579.16
Expenditures	15,141.00
Ending Balance	\$ 132,238.29

Motion made by Baker to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Due to a decision made in the vehicle accident case on I-75 concerning Mr. Watson, a copy of the correspondence received and sent to Mr. Watson during the month was forwarded to our attorney, Mr. DuBois. After reviewing the correspondence he feels that we may need to further amend our Fire Charges Ordinance. He was unable to attend our meeting so action will be taken when he can be present. Mrs. Watson was present and pleaded her husband's case. She is asking the board to reconsider and drop the monetary charges incurred. After discussion a motion was made by Jacobs to dismiss the charges. Motion was not acted upon. A motion was made by Jacobs to rescind the action made at board meeting last month to sustain the charge for the fire charge against Mr. Watson for the accident of March 19, 2011. Seconded by Wagar, motion did not carry, vote was 3 no and 2 yes.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

A split was presented to the board for signature. It is for parcel #090-036-100-005-00. The land is in Guthrie Lakes.

WATERS BUSINESS GROUP

Waters business group member Doss updated the board on projects that are occurring in the township. The group will again be placing pots of flowers on the light posts in town. They will be responsible for watering the plants daily. Thunder Over Waters signs went up today. Still looking into redoing the bottle fence and getting more information on Rails to Trails. Business seems to be looking up this year.

BRADFORD LAKE ASSOCIATION

Bradford Lake President Gary Johnson reported on the progress of the voting for the special assessment for milfoil for lake front residents. To go forward with the assessment a majority of more than 51% of owners would need to be in favor of the assessment and to date we have not received enough votes. Voluntary contributions of more than \$4,000 have been received to treat the lake.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Presented by Chief Shelly. There were fourteen runs this month, nine of which were EMS. Fire training will be SCBA's and fit testing. The department attended downed air craft training at the Frederic Fire Department. Attended a haz-mat refresher at Station 6 which was in conjunction with Region 7. It involved an explosive device with multiple injuries. The floors were finished in both bays and look great. IPC of Marion, Michigan did the work on the floors. Cost to do the work was \$7,010. A motion was made by Brown to pay the bill to IPC in the amount of \$7,010.00, seconded by Baker, motion carried. The CPR books and mannequins have been ordered and plans are to have the annual CPR class next month. Introduced two new members of the department; Alan Moran and Lynn G. Ems

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brown would like to see Jim and Frank Ledwick given some form of recognition for their many years of service to the fire department. Perhaps a presentation at Thunder Over Waters.

No report from Baker

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning member Baker gave the report for the planning commission. The Draft Interchange Zoning District will be presented to the county planning by chairperson

Black at the next meeting it holds. Reviewed the Master Plan and found it still meets the needs of the township. Also reviewed the proposed changes to the mining and dumpster ordinance. The planning commission recommended that the township board move forward and adopt the Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of a Planning Commission. A motion was made by Baker to adopt the Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of a Planning Commission. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Discussion followed on dumpsters and some of the problems enforcing this ordinance.

CEMETERY REPORT

Will be getting a large rock with a plaque and maple tree for the cemetery and have a memorial service take place during Thunder Over Waters. The next meeting will be on June 2, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at the township hall.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

County Commissioner Backenstose reported on some of the happenings at the county level. The second millage has been eliminated for Parks and Recreation.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jacobs to allow the township to apply for a credit card in the name of the township. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

The Michaywe Road Committee is once again going to try for a special millage for road repairs in the Michaywe subdivision.

COMMENTS HEARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

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

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township