

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

The hearing for the Fire Protection Special Assessment District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Questions and concerns heard from the audience. Hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m. 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 14 audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Baker to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting, seconded by Brown, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund of \$77,360.40, Fire Fund \$4,435.45 and Trash Fund \$15,141.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. The resolution to determine the millage to be assessed for the Fire Protection Special Assessment District was read by the clerk. A motion was made by Baker to approve the resolution setting the millage at 1.05% to produce estimated income of \$153,320.00. Seconded by Brown. Roll call vote; Brown, yes; Markovich, yes; Wagar, yes; Jacobs, yes; and Baker, yes. Motion to approve the resolution carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,375,594.18
Receipts	6,667.92
Disbursements	141,473.03
Ending Balance	\$1,240,789.07

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$231,351.01
Receipts	506,370.94
Disbursements	452,552.60
Ending Balance	\$285,169.35

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 279,264.16
Receipts	336.77
Disbursements	37,323.30
Ending Balance	\$ 242,277.63

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$104,309.95
Receipts	19.75
Disbursements	15,441.00
Ending Balance	\$ 88,888.70

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

A deputy sheriff from the Otsego County Sheriff's Office was present to hear concerns and questions about the township and county. The sheriff's office is trying to have a representative present at township meetings to keep residents informed about our area.

The board signed a split from the Assessor for Bridgette Wright on Salem Road.

ROAD REPORT

According to Tom Deans of the Otsego County Road Commission, Mancelona Road is finished except for striping and seeding. Discussed possible road work in Michaywe and Guthrie Lakes areas and a proposal to chip and seal two miles of roads in each community. Cost should be approximately \$15,500 per mile for the township with a match from the road commission which would enable us to do four miles in each community. There was a meeting with the Otsego County Road Commission and Michaywe Road Commission about improving Timber Valley Rd. The proposal is to grind and repave the road for a total cost of \$65,000. This cost would be split with the township at \$45,000 and county road commission at \$20,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report presented by Chief Shelly. There were twenty-six runs since last report. We called for support from Frederic Fire Department for two lightning strikes/structure fires and the fire at the Hilltop. The Fire/EMS training will be search and rescue using gps. Ten of our members attended a gas pipeline safety training seminar. Five of our members passed the MFR class and now have to take a National Registry test in Traverse City. Two of our officers will be attending the ICS 300 class and Shelly will take the 400 ICS class in October. Will be conducting pump testing, DOT inspections and oil changes. Shelly would like to attend the EMS Expo in Marquette the weekend of September 23rd. The cost for the class is \$105.00. Shelly will also be paid for room and mileage.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

None

PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

CEMETERY REPORT

The new Veterans Memorial at the cemetery was dedicated on September 4th during Thunder Over Waters. The next meeting will be held on November 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Report from Baker. The grant class has been cancelled as there were not enough people interested. The siding is completed. There are a couple of items to be addressed. Discussed a new server for the township offices. Cost is approximately \$2,250.00. Discussed "virtual server" Probably not for our township.

Report from Brown. Thunder Over Waters was once again a success. Brown will be attending the Trustee's retreat in Cadillac this Friday and Saturday.

THUNDER OVER WATERS

Waters Business Group member and TOW chairman Scott Bicknell reported this was the 5th TOW and over 70 bikes were given away. Attendance was great, lots of good public relations and the weather once again allowed the fireworks to go off without a hitch.

BRADFORD LAKES ASSOCIATION

Members of the association were present and discussed what needs to be done to start the process to get the special assessment for eliminating milfoil weeds from Bradford Lake. Association president Johnson will get a cost estimate so that we can set up our first hearing.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Backenstose reported on the dedication for the homeless veteran's facility in Gaylord. The recycling proposal should be on the ballot next year.

Comments heard for the good of the township.

The Otsego County Townships Officer Association meeting has been postponed until November 1, 2011 and will be held at the Bagley Township Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Next regular meeting will be October 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk