

October 23, 2018

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the County Building at 225 West Main Street, Room 100, Gaylord, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ken Borton. Invocation by Commissioner Julie Powers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Melissa FitzGerald.

Roll Call:

Present: Julie Powers, Paul Beachnau, Duane Switalski, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Excused: Paul Liss, Bruce Brown.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the Regular minutes of October 8, 2018 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the reappointment of Jim Hilgendorf to the Otsego County Planning Commission to a term expiring on December 31, 2021. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the reappointment of Judith Jarecki to the Otsego County Planning Commissioner to a term expiring on December 31, 2021. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

Jason Melancon reported on the Road Commission; 13.7 miles of road completed, 4 million dollars; salt prices have doubled; Senate Bill 396, which would exempt loggers from weight restrictions, has passed the House.

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported some Veterans Day ceremonies in the Community; November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Ellison Place, is the Gaylord Middle School Veterans Day program; Message of thanks luncheon at the Eagles Hall on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.; November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. is the Veterans Day memorial at 225 West Main; Ground breaking ceremony for the trail head in the Village of Vanderbilt on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.; Couple of buildings coming down in the Community, the Trading post is coming down 10-23-18 and the information center building is coming down November 5<sup>th</sup>; Library parking lot has been paved.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to update the Animal Control Fees for adoption and impounding services as presented, effective January 1, 2019. Ayes: Julie Powers, Paul Beachnau, Rob Pallarito, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton. Nays: Duane Switalski, Ken Glasser. Excused: Paul Liss, Bruce Brown. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to award the replacement of the boiler at 1066 Cross Street to the low bidder, Ballard Plumbing & Heating, at a cost totaling \$13,784; funded through the Capital Projects Fund (499). Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to award the tire balancer purchase to the low bidder, American Hoist and Air Lube Equipment, at a cost of \$16,750; funded entirely by a State Grant. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative:  
Alan Witt reported on the City.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve the October 16, 2018 Warrant in the amount of \$74,974.27. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the October 17, 2018 Warrant in the amount of \$61,874.36. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the October 23, 2018 Warrant in the amount of \$583,304.60. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Beachnau had no report.

Commissioner Julie Powers had no report.

Commissioner Duane Switalski had no report.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito had no report.

Commissioner Ken Glasser reported on the Joint Land Use Study; attended a meeting at the Road Commission.

Commissioner Doug Johnson commented on the article regarding the Emmet County Recycling in the NACO newspaper.

Commissioner Bruce Brown arrived at 9:56 a.m.

Commissioner Ken Borton reported on the Northern Michigan Counties Association meeting; MAC Environmental Committee meeting; reported on the Enbridge agreement made to the State, 7-10 years to build; Recycling.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

GENERAL INFORMATION	ADOPTION COST NOW	INCREASE TO	TOTAL INCREASE
Live in-county dog adoption	\$55.00	\$65.00	\$10.00
Live out-of-county dog adoptions	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
Cat adoption	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$ .00
Kitten Adoption	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$15.00

**QUARANTINE/BOARDING:**

On occasion we have to quarantine a dog for 10 days after a dog bite occurs. In most cases this animal is not trusted in the household by the owner. Currently we are charging \$5.00 a day to quarantine for 10 days.

We do not technically "board" dogs at our shelter. We have, on occasion, had people that knew their dog had been impounded and used us until they found the time to collect the dog. These people currently will reimburse us \$5.00 a day until they come and get the dog.

These two situations do not make us a lot of money, but I propose an increase to \$10.00 a day.

**IMPOUND FEE:**

The call of a dog running loose is very common and most of the time occurs after hours which costs the department overtime. It is for this reason that I propose a small increase to recoup some of the overtime costs and hopefully help the owner realize the issue at hand. Currently the charge is \$20.00, and I am proposing the cost rise to \$30.00 for the first offense and add \$30.00 for each offense after, not to exceed \$90.00. If the dog is not picked up after the first day, then boarding fees will also apply.

**ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT****PROPOSED  
NEW FEE**

## License Fees:

## Before March 1:

Spayed or Neutered	\$10.00	
Unaltered	\$20.00	
Unaltered with Pedigree	\$10.00	

## March 1 or After

Spayed or Neutered	\$15.00	
Unaltered	\$25.00	
Unaltered with Pedigree	\$15.00	

Dog Adoption Fee - County Resident:

\$55.00 \$65.00

Dog Adoption Fee - Out-of-County:

\$75.00 \$100.00

## Cat Adoption Fees:

Cat Adoption Fee \$45.00

Kitten Adoption Fee \$45.00 \$60.00

## Submission Fees for Adopted Dogs:

Dog Submitted by Owner \$20.00

Stray Dog found in County No Charge

## Litter of Puppies:

Up to 3 Puppies – In County \$30.00

Up to 3 Puppies – Out of County \$60.00

4 to 5 Puppies – In County \$50.00

4 to 5 Puppies – Out of County \$65.00

6 Puppies and Up - in County \$80.00

6 Puppies and Up - Out of County \$85.00

## by their Owner:

First Time Impoundment P/U Fee: \$20.00 \$30.00

Plus \$5.00 Per Day Boarding Fee Plus License Fee if the Dog \$5.00 \$10.00

Does Not have Current License:

Second Offense of Impoundment P/U Fee: \$40.00 \$60.00

Third Offense of Impoundment P/U Fee: \$60.00 \$90.00

A Citation may also be issued along with continuous P/U fees.

Dogs and cats that become the responsibility of Otsego County are: vaccinated, de-wormed, and treated for fleas and lice. Injured or sick animals are transported for treatment up to a \$200.00 veterinarian expense including medication.

## Submission Fees for Adoptable Cats:

Feral Cats \$20.00

All Other Cats – In County \$20.00