

Minutes of the **November 15, 2011**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, and members Shaffer Fox, JoEllen Hartley, Crystal Smith, Lorraine Weckwert, and Gary Wilson.

Members Absent: Michael Erfourth. Charles Wascher, resigned.

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer. It was noted a letter of resignation had been received from Charles Wascher as representative for the Shiawassee County Historical Society. JoEllen Hartley has been named the Society replacement.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of October 18th was made by Hartley and supported by Wilson. Approved.

Smith nominated Brewer for the position of Chairperson. Supported by Hartley. Motion carried with Weckwert dissenting.

Fox nominated Hartley for the position of Vice-Chair. Support given by Wilson and motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion by Wilson to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Fox and carried.

Discussion on the upcoming Curwood book sale for December 3-4. Wilson suggested that ten copies of each volume be placed out for sale at one time. Wilson and docent Speers will price the volumes. Erfourth will be asked about shelving for display. There is a work day for those who can attend on 11-20 from noon to five to organize. It is hoped to have the upper level decorated for the holidays including some of the donated trains.

Tobey was asked to contact a locksmith to open the bookcase by the fireplace.

Members were advised of a contact number for someone seeking electric trains. Members decided to keep the number for future contact, if desired.

The Historical Commission has been requested to consider a letter of support for the downtown to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Both Wilson and Weckwert serve on the Downtown Historic District Commission and apprised the group of their activities. Motion by Hartley to write a letter of support for this nomination. Fox supported and motion carried.

The Shiawassee Arts Council requested use of the Paymaster Building during June and July of 2012 during the Woodard furniture exhibition. The building would be staged as it would have appeared for its original use and open during specific time periods. Motion by Wilson for this use to be approved with support by Hartley and carried.

Members decided not to hold a regularly scheduled meeting on December 20, 2011.

Wilson reported on the functioning of the Historic District Commission. Members urged historic preservation as foremost in the decision making process.

Tobey reported difficulty in scheduling pest services for the cabin. Member suggested the company presently used might offer recommendation of another source.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/Treasurer