

MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423

REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2019

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Linda Howell, Gary Dewey, Michelle Sall
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Stielstra
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Township Treasurer Gary Dewey led the pledge of allegiance and offered prayer.

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular meeting and the January 3, 2019 special meeting. **A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Dewey to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Hofmeyer welcomed Michelle Sall to the Township Board as she replaces Wendy Van Huis as the Township Clerk.

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of December 2018. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Dewey to approve and pay the bills as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – No report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on January 2, 2019 and the following items were discussed: Darby Planned Unit Development was tabled; Becksford Rezoning Request; Zoning Text Amendment regarding accessory dwellings to primary; home businesses; current slate of officers was renewed.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – No report.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – MICHELLE SALL

Sall reported that the Parks Commission met November 28 and the following items were discussed: grant update; introduction of new facilities employee; Blue Star non-motorized; 62nd Street bike path repair; Old Town Hall movement to Huyser Farm and Huyser green house to be demolished; Huyser homestead.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – DOUG DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyker reported the response calls for the month of December were as follows: 59 calls total, 41 calls from Laketown, consisting of 35 medical/rescue and 6 fire calls; 12 from Fillmore, consisting of 9 medical/rescue calls and 3 fire calls. There were 2 medical/rescue assists, 1 to Saugatuck and 1 to Holland and 4 fire assists to, 1 to Saugatuck, 1 to Holland and 2 to Hamilton. The Fire Board meeting will be held at 5:30pm on January 10. Den Bleyker reported total calls for 2018 were 673 calls, an 11% increase over 2017.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64th Street asked how much the Old Township Hall gets used where it is now. Sall and Meshkin responded that there is virtually no use of the hall at this time in its current location, which is one of the reasons to consider the move.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. SALARY RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the following salary resolutions, noting there were no changes from the previous years:

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Trustee Salary Resolution 2019-01 noting that as of April 1, 2019, the salary of the Township Trustees shall be \$4,000.00 each. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Sall to approve the Trustee Salary Resolution 2019-01 setting the salaries at \$4,000.00 each. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Clerk Salary Resolution 2019-02 noting that as of April 1, 2019, the salary of the Township Clerk shall be \$15,000.00. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Clerk Salary Resolution 2019-02 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Treasurer Salary Resolution 2019-03 noting as of April 1, 2019, the salary of the Township Treasurer shall be \$15,000.00. **A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Sall to approve the Treasurer Salary Resolution 2019-03 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Supervisor Salary Resolution 2019-04 noting as of April 1, 2019, the salary of the Township Supervisor shall be \$15,000.00. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Sall to approve the Supervisor Salary Resolution 2019-04 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion.**

UNANIMOUS DECISION - MOTION APPROVED

B. MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Ordinance No. 189 Marihuana Establishments Ordinance prohibiting marihuana establishments as defined by the law within the boundaries of the township.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Marihuana Establishments Ordinance No. 189.** Howell commented that this ordinance reflects the manner in which the majority of the township residents voted. **Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the following appointments:

Board of Review – two year term expiring 12-31-2020

Robert Jaskulski
Kevin Stoike
Helen Heneveld

Zoning Board of Appeals – three year term expiring 12-31-2021

Casey Kimes
James Johnson
Richard Swanson

Planning Commission – three year term expiring 12-31-2021

Marcia Perry

Holland Community Aquatic Center – three year term expiring 12-31-2021

Sara Giesler

Parks Commission – one year term expiring 11-20-2020

Kathleen Dearborn

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the appointments. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

D. BECKSFORD TRUST REZONING ORDINANCE

Hofmeyer explained this is a request from the property owner to rezone a parcel to allow for land splits for the development of residential lots.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance No. 190.** Meshkin explained that the request is in line with the Master Plan and the property owner is planning to split into five parcels. Howell added that there was extensive discussion regarding the drainage and water run-off based on one resident expressing concern. **Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVE**

E. RESIGNATION

Supervisor Hofmeyer announced that he has submitted his letter of resignation as township supervisor effective February 28, 2019. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to regretfully accept and with great appreciation for his many years of service, the resignation effective February 28, 2019. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Roger De Kuiper of 4761 66th Street asked what the status is of the Master Plan and rezoning. Meshkin said the Planning Commission has a workshop meeting on Monday, January 14 at 6pm. Once the proposed plan is completed it will come before the township board and then a public hearing will be scheduled. All information on the plan thus far is available on the Fresh Coast Planning website and Twitter account.

Dick Becker asked for information on the process of replacing the Township Clerk. Hofmeyer explained that Sall is finishing an unexpired term after which time the seat will be up for vote in the 2020 general election. The same process will be used for the Township Supervisor, the board will appoint a replacement to finish the unexpired term and then the seat will be up for election in 2020.

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64th Street asked if under the Marihuana ordinance approved tonight, if he would be able to grow 12 plants on his property. Meshkin replied that he can grow plants on his property but use is prohibited in the township parks or other public areas in the township. Becksvoort asked about the two new street light poles on 64th and 147th Avenue and Meshkin explained that the poles are wireless communication poles installed by the HBPW to read water usage. Becksvoort asked if there are 3 full-time fire fighters or 2 with maintenance person. Meshkin explained that there is the fire chief, deputy chief and a maintenance person that will be hired that would also be able to respond to fire calls during the daytime.

Dewey asked what are our obligations regarding light poles in dangerously dark intersections. Meshkin said he attempted to address this many years ago but learned that people like the dark township. Dewey said as a safety precaution there are areas that should have lights.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.

Michelle Sall, Township Clerk

Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary