

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Wednesday, May 4, 2022

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Linda Howell called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin, township manager; Jim Hayden, public information officer

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dewey, second by Sall, to approve the April 4, 2022, regular workshop minutes. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 5-0

ARTICLE III. FINANCES

The board discussed the finance report. The board came to the consensus that the report will be on the May 11 agenda.

ARTICLE IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) The board came to a consensus to put Saugatuck Public Schools Tim Travis on the agenda for the May 11 meeting before the Report of Officers item.
- b) The board reviewed and discussed a proposed budget amendment that includes funding for a community development director who will handle zoning, planning and some parks work. The board came to a consensus to put the proposal on the agenda for the May 11 meeting.

ARTICLE V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a) The board discussed what to do with proposals from nonprofits for American Rescue Plan Act money. Funding available is \$75,000. Proposals submitted from Allegan County Mental Health, Fellinlove Farm, Felt Estate, Holland Western Horse Park, Hospice and Safe Harbor. The board discussed the township contributing to the Community Enhancement Program, a collaboration through the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council including Park, Holland and Laketown townships and Holland and Zeeland cities. Sall discussed setting up an endowment for the cemetery and will investigate the issue further.
- b) Meshkin updated the board on the Holland water agreement.
- c) Meshkin updated the board on the parks commission request for a millage. Dewey and Delaney had concerns about the idea. Johnson suggested a survey of residents before a vote. Meshkin is working on the numbers and noted the board will need to act on it by July to get a proposal on the November ballot.
- d) Meshkin said he will be in mediation with Halcyon Hills on Tuesday.
- e) The board discussed charter township status and the link with law enforcement
- f) The board discussed Meshkin's goals. Delaney said a timeline for Meshkin's replacement should be created. Johnson said he has a draft of a timeline he will provide the board. Meshkin said he is distributing his responsibilities to staff members and staffing costs will increase.

ARTICLE VI. NEXT WORKSHOP – The next regular workshop meeting is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Darcie Hengst, Holland Western Horse Park: Asked when the township will decide on donations to nonprofits. Howell said there are no deadlines.

ARTICLE VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dewey, second by Delaney, to adjourn the workshop at 6:31 p.m. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.