

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
May 8, 2019

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Linda Howell called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Howell provided historical background on the Memorial Day holiday and asked Retired Rear Admiral Dick Becker to lead the pledge of allegiance.

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

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the April 10, 17 and April 24, 2019 meetings. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson and Sall (17, 24) to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Howell called for a vote on the motion. DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Howell reviewed the bills for the month of April 2019. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to approve and pay the bills as submitted. Supervisor Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS - None

ARTICLE V. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAPENGA

Commissioner Kapenga commented on the PFA's water issues in the country, state and county. Discussions are underway regarding long-term planning and the county's role in safe water for the residents. Meshkin referenced previous work that had been done. The courthouse is an issue regarding space, considering moving some offices out of the building. Meshkin suggested purchasing a store front in downtown Allegan. Felonies are at an all time high requiring another court. Boomer Bash is an initiative that helps seniors and an event will be held on June 6. Kapenga will provide a brochure with more information. CMH received a \$2mil grant for affordable housing. The county is looking at ways to partner with the services. The Dual Project is a group that teaches youth to build houses and the one recently finished will be in Allegan. Becker asked that Meshkin include the information on the Boomer Bash in the spring newsletter.

B. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on May 1, 2019 and the Bosgraaf Homes P.U.D. Request was reviewed and tabled and the Gonzales Special Use Request was approved. On May 6 the Planning Commission had a master plan workshop and began work on the future land use map.

C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Meshkin reported that the ZBA did not meet in April.

D. PARKS COMMISSION – SHUFF

Shuff reported that the Parks Commission met on April 17, 2019 and the following items were discussed: grant update; Blue Star non-motorized path; 2019 maintenance proposal for Laketown Beach; Huyser Farm green house; park evaluations; invasive species; Wolters Woods and Sanctuary Woods.

E. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyker reported the response calls for the month of April were as follows: calls 62 total, calls from 45 Laketown, consisting of 29 medical/rescue and 16 fire calls, 2 smoke alarm installs; 14 from Fillmore, of 10 medical/rescue calls and 4 fire calls. There were 3 assists to other departments.

ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS - None

ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. AMENDMENT TO PARKING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #194

Meshkin reviewed the amendment to Parking Ordinance #194 noting the increase in penalties. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Sall to approve the Amendment to Parking Ordinance #194. Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

Howell reviewed the following appointments to boards:

- Howell resigns from Planning Commission
- Johnson to Planning Commission and resigns from ZBA and Parks
- Jim Delaney to Zoning Board of Appeals
- Dick Becker to Parks Commission
- Chad Nienhuis to Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate

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

C. HOLLAND WATER SYSTEM SURCHARGE

Meshkin explained and reviewed the Holland Water System Surcharge which is proposed due to funding for necessary repairs to the system at a cost to the township of \$55,000. Meshkin recommended a \$.09 per ccf for Laketown Township water customers. Following further discussion,

**a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Sall to approve the Holland Water System Surcharge. Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Shuff commented on the issue of affordable housing and the land available in Laketown. Meshkin responded by discussing the fact of affordable for a family and the issue of financial barriers to getting into a house. Howell noted that this topic was also discussed at the Planning Commission Master Planning meetings.

Den Bleyker asked how long it will take to pay the water repairs off and Meshkin said approximately five years.

Johnson asked how the Laketown residents will be advised and Meshkin said through the HBPW billing.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

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Michelle Sall, Township Clerk

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Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary