

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

May 11, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Linda Howell called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. Zoom option also available for the public.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township manager  
Doug Den Bleyker – Graafschap Fire Department chief  
Jim Hayden – Public information officer

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the April 13, 2022, meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

3. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from April. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the April bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

4. PRESENTATION BY DR. TRAVIS, SAUGATUCK SCHOOLS PROJECTS

Dr. Tim Travis, superintendent of Saugatuck Public School, updated the board on construction and other issues within the district.

5. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Kapenga: Updated the board on Allegan County issues and thanked Graafschap Fire Department Chief Doug Den Bleyker for his work on dispatch run-time issues.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson shared activity from May meeting.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Delaney shared activity from April meeting.
- d. Parks Commission: Meshkin shared information from the April meeting. Johnson asked about the Huyser House and Meshkin said the Parks Commission will discuss it this month. Sall asked about handicapped accessibility progress and Meshkin said Bret Grams, facilities

- operations, will have a report on parking spots for the Parks Commission meeting next week.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker: April fire/rescue calls -- 71 total, Fillmore – 1 fire call, 20 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 9 fire calls, 36 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 3 fire calls (2 to Holland, 1 to Saugatuck), 2 medical/rescue calls (2 to Hamilton). He thanked Kapenga for facilitating discussion at county level of response time dispatching.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS -- None

7. OLD BUSINESS -- None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FY 2022-23 Budget Amendment

The board discussed the proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget amendment. The main change is the addition of “Community Development” with a total budget of \$88,600.

**A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dewey, to approve the FY 2022-23 Budget Amendment as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

9. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Randall Kiekintveld, 6496 Maple Lane: Said neighbor’s cat has been killing birds and leaving dead animals on his property. Neighbors will not stop the cat. Animal control will not do anything about it. What should he do? Board members said there is no ordinance to control this, suggested turning on automatic sprinklers, using sonic devices, getting a dog. Kiekintveld said the situation will get resolved. Said Republic Services is mixing recycling with garbage. Said the Allegan County Road Commission is damaging property with snowplow blades and is using too much sand and salt on the road. Said regarding his tax bills that he does not want to pay to educate illegals in the public school.

10. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**