

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BUILDING AUTHORITY
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423

May 1, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tom Shuff called the Building Authority to order at 2 p.m. at the township hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Meshkin, Robert Schaftenaar, Tom Shuff, Amber Davis (ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Dewey (ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Meshkin, seconded by Schaftenaar, to approve the minutes from the Dec. 21, 2022, meeting. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

3. OLD BUSINESS -- None

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Huyser House Project

A motion was made by Meshkin, seconded by Schaftenaar, to accept responsibility for the Huyser House from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

Meshkin presented an outline for action at the Huyser House:

- 1: Accept project
- 2: Secure and stabilize site
- 3: Improve exterior appearance
- 4: Consider potential uses
- 5: Determine necessary improvements
- 6: Make necessary improvements
- 7: Release project

The authority discussed the outline. Meshkin said he is now investigating getting internet at the house to install three or four cameras to prevent vandalism. Escape Ministries will have one adult and four youth at the Huyser House from July 5 through Aug. 4, Tuesdays through Thursdays, to scrape paint, prime the outside of the house, trim landscaping, remove hardwood floor and empty basement. The program cost is estimated at \$5,000 plus material for a total of approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The authority will need to consider potential uses. Options 2, 3 and 4 can be done concurrently.

Meshkin handed out copies of the report from township Building Inspector Chad Warden and photos of the inside and exterior of the house. Meshkin said he has been contacted by several contractors about doing work.

The authority discussed the conservation easement.

Davis said the Huyser House could be a community project and that the township should reach out to Careerline Tech.

A motion was made by Shuff, seconded by Schaftenaar, to follow the general outline and secure and stabilize the Huyser House as presented. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Citizen's comments started at approximately 2:20 p.m. Seven people gave comments related to the Huyser house. Citizen's comments ended at 2:34 p.m.

6. ADJOURN

Shuff adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.