

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
July 8, 2020

ARTICLE I. 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 with some participants using the Zoom application and read the following:

Pursuant to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48 the Laketown Township Board of Trustees in order to protect the public health will conduct its meeting via electronic communications. Any member of the public wishing to listen to the proceedings or provide public comment may do so by using the chat feature on zoom to raise their hand and wait to be recognized by the Supervisor or Manager who will be monitoring the chat feature. Per the Township's normal protocols, each person making public comment is asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Howell, Gary Dewey,  
Michelle Sall, Jim Johnson  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Stielstra  
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township manager  
Jim Hayden – Public information officer (via Zoom)  
Doug Den Bleyker – Graafschap Fire Chief (via Zoom)

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the June 10, 2020, meeting. **A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dewey to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Howell reviewed the bills. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Sall to approve and pay the bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DEAN KAPENGA.

Commissioner Kapenga absent. Commissioner Jim Storey updated the board on county activities.

B. PLANNING COMMISSION – JOHNSON

July meeting cancelled. No report.

C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -- MESHKIN

Owners of 4562 Lover's Lane, Holland, parcel # 0311-460-012-01, requested a variance from section 38-242(2) of the zoning code that requires a minimum 10-foot side yard setback. Variance for window well approved by 4-1 vote.

D. PARKS COMMISSION -- MESHKIN

Stairs at Sanctuary Woods have been repaired.

E. GRAAFSCHAP FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF DOUG DEN BLEYKER

Response calls for June totaled 91 – a record. Fillmore Township had four fire calls and 12 medical/rescue calls. Laketown Township had 19 fire calls, 40 medical/rescue calls and one smoke alarm installation. Assists to other departments: 13 total fire calls with three to Saugatuck, two to Hamilton and eight to Holland; two medical/rescue calls with two assists to Holland. Rental inspections going well.

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS -- None

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS

A: Road Commission Work Orders for Culverts and Dust Control

Allegan County Road Commission proposed culvert repairs:

- 1) LH 400020 – 138th Ave, 180' east of 64th Street, replace existing 36" x 76' CMP with 48"

x 80' concrete culvert.

2) LH 400021 – Beeline Rd, 460' north of 138th Ave, replace existing 24" x 68' CMP with 36" x 72' concrete culvert.

**A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to approve the work order for culvert repairs as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

One application of dust control was proposed from Great Lakes Chloride, 38 percent at \$0.628 per gallon.

**A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sall to approve the work order for one application of dust control as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

#### B. Becksfort Water Contract and Easement

Ross Becksfort and Sarah J. Becksfort, husband and wife, whose address is 4685 62<sup>nd</sup> St., are under construction of a new home at this address. The property owners want the property served by public water. There is not a water main available in 62<sup>nd</sup> St. and the owners have developed a plan to extend a service line from the Terra Vita subdivision to the east of them.

The Special Assessment Contract states the property owner agrees to the imposition of a special assessment on the property for the purpose of paying the cost of the installation of a public water system. The contract also states the property owner will refrain from signing any petition opposing or objecting to the creation or establishment of a special assessment district intended to pay for public water. The contract also states that if public water is extended along 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, the property owner will connect to the system and pay assessments for the system.

**A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to approve the Becksfort Water Special Assessment Contract as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ross Becksfort and Sarah J. Becksfort, husband and wife, whose address is 4685 62<sup>nd</sup> St., have created an easement to construct a water main with appurtenances through, across, over and under the property within the easement area. This easement will first be used for their service line until a water main can be built.

**A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sall to approve the Grant of Utility Easement as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

C. Herrick Library Appointment

**A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Sall to re-appoint Bob Kool as Laketown Township representative to the Herrick District Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney Myrene Koch addressed the board on county issues and noted she is running for the same office in the August primary.

ARTICLE X. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**