

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
July 10, 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. Visiting Scouts Austin and Blake House led the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Howell, Michelle Sall, Gary Dewey, Jim Johnson, Ed Stielstra  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
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 May 8, 2019 meetings. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson 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 June 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

Meshkin noted the additional item under new business.

ARTICLE V. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – No report.
- B. PLANNING COMMISSION – JOHNSON

Johnson reported that the Planning Commission met on July 3, 2019 and approved the Bosgraaf Homes P.U.D. Request.

- C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Stielstra reported that the ZBA did not meet in June.

- D. PARKS COMMISSION

Shuff reported that the issue with Halcyon Hills has been resolved regarding trespassing near the Laketown Beach; ongoing discussion around the non-motorized path on Blue Star Highway; pickle

ball was discussed and will be further researched; volunteers from Holland Christian High School pulled invasive weeds at Laketown Beach and Sanctuary Woods; uniform signage is being reviewed for each park; receptacles for animal waste have been installed at all parks. Howell asked for an update on the Wolters Woods signage asking that an update be provided to Lloyd Wolters; Meshkin will contact Wolters. Dewey commented on the one tame deer that has been a nuisance at Felt Mansion and Shore Acres Park asking that the DNR be contacted to address the issue.

E. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyker reported the response calls for the month of June were as follows: 58 calls total, 44 calls from Laketown, consisting of 39 medical/rescue and 5 fire calls; 10 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 9 medical/rescue calls and 1 fire call. There were 4 assists to other departments, 3 fire assists to Saugatuck, Holland, Overisel and 1 medical/rescue assist to Saugatuck. There were 1,450 attendees at the annual pancake breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated locally. Johnson asked if there is a pattern to the increase of medical calls and Den Bleyker said it is not uncommon. Meshkin affirmed that Graafschap Fire Department responders have been upgraded to provide a higher level of service alleviating the need to wait for ambulances which have a longer response time. Stielstra asked what we have available should we have a family burned out of their home. Den Bleyker responded that we have helped residents in the past using the pancake breakfast proceeds.

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

ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. HOLLAND SERVICE AREA WATER CHARGES

Meshkin reviewed the Holland Service Area Water Charges noting the rates have not changed but the meter charges have increased. The commodity charge has increased due to the need to support repair for the HBPW work. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve the Holland Service Area Water Charges which take effect July 1, 2019. Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. RADAR SPEED SIGNS

Meshkin explained the signs would be portable LED signs with built in radar machines operated by solar and battery pack. The cost would be \$5500 for two signs. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dewey to approve the purchase of two Evolis Radar Speed Signs. Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. OTTOGAN INTERCOUNTY DRAIN MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION

Meshkin explained there are several intercounty drains in the township. Intercounty drains are commissioned by a 3-member board. The drain board is limited to levying to \$5,000 per mile and this project is estimated to be \$50,000. The bill will be divided between Ottawa and Allegan Counties based on the benefit received; the split is approximately 65/35. Laketown is unique that it does not apply the drain expenses to the property owners. The Laketown share will be approximately \$35,000 and will be taken from the Drain Fund. Howell asked when the work will be done and Meshkin said it would be completed thru the fall of this year. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve the Ottogan Intercounty Drain Maintenance Resolution 2019-08. Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

D. 146<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE CULVERT

Meshkin explained an email was received from Allegan County Road Commission stating that the culvert under 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue must be replaced as part of the resurfacing project and the township would be responsible for the construction cost. The DEQ originally requested a 6' x 8' box culvert with an estimated cost of \$100,000. The road commission is proposing a 72" diameter concrete pipe with an estimated construction cost of \$36,000. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve the expenditure of \$36,000 for the 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue culvert replacement. Howell called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Howell reported a letter received from Halcyon Hills Association stating they support a millage for additional police protection.

Becker of 2382 Valley thanked the scouts for leading the pledge of allegiance. Dewey seconded the gratitude.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 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