

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

REGULAR MEETING  
August 8, 2018

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Wendy Van Huis,  
Gary Dewey, Ed Stielstra  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Howell  
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager  
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Supervisor Hofmeyer led the pledge of allegiance and offered prayer.

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting. **A motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Stielstra to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of July 2018. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Dewey to approve and pay the bills as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – No Report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – MESHKIN

Meshkin reported that the Planning Commission met on August 1, 2018 and the following items were discussed: Darby Planned Unit Development was tabled; Tucker Special Use Request was approved to direct the township attorney to write a report and resolution; Gator Properties Special Use Request for an accessory building approved; Pastor & Benson Special Use Amendment Request was approved for a 6-month trial.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – STIELSTRA

Stielstra reported that the ZBA met on July 25 and approved the Van Acker variance request.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – MICHELLE SALL

Sall reported that the Parks Commission met on July 18 and the following items were discussed: Meat & Greet for residents scheduled for September 19 at 6:00pm just before the meeting; Laketown Beach stairs; Lakeview School Park Master Park Plan; Blue Star Trail Memorandum of Understanding; Day of Caring; Halcyon Hills and Laketown Beach contributions. Sall also reported on the treatment of the Japanese Knotweed invasive species.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyker reported the response calls for the month of July were as follows: 82 calls total, 62 calls from Laketown, consisting of 55 medical/rescue and 7 fire calls; 15 from Fillmore, consisting of 9 medical/rescue calls and 6 fire calls. There were 3 fire assists to Saugatuck and 2 medical/rescue assists to Hamilton. Den Bleyker said this is a new record for the department compared to last year's July record of 64 calls.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Dick Becker of 2382 Valley shared thoughts on future township issues. Becker mentioned the fiber service article in the township newsletter and congratulated the small group that drove the initiative, also noting it was the same group that tried to put it on the ballot for an \$8.8 million bond. Becker noted the township should not focus on business that should be free enterprise.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. BLUE STAR TRAIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Supervisor Hofmeyer explained the Blue Star Trail Memorandum of Understanding illustrates the trail is a non-motorized linear park that will be shared, maintained, and operated in a mutual beneficial and collaborative manner between the entities of Saugatuck Township, Laketown Township and the City of the Village of Douglas.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to adopt the Blue Star Trail Memorandum of Understanding. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. WAIVER OF PENALTY RESOLUTION

Hofmeyer explained Resolution 2018-13 will require levy of penalty be placed upon the buyers, grantees, or other transferees of property if a Property Transfer Affidavit is not filed within 45 days of all transfers of ownership; allows the governing body of a local tax collecting unit the ability to waive, by resolution, the penalty levied under MCL 211.6b

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve Resolution 2018-13. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES LEASING RESOLUTION

Hofmeyer reviewed the Fire Department Vehicles Leasing Resolution 2018-14 is to approve a lease purchase agreement. Den Bleyker said a 2019 Ford pickup and 2019 Ford Explorer will be leased through the state lease program and fully licensed as medical response vehicles for the department. The chief's vehicle will be passed down to the officer in command and the 2008 Expedition will be retired. Purchase price is \$72,000 for both vehicles on a 5-year lease with annual payments.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Stielstra to approve the 2018-14 Fire Department Vehicles Leasing Resolution. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Larry Aalderink of 4696 Indianapolis Avenue expressed concern about the no parking signs in cul-de-sac adjacent of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue near his home and provided pictures. Aalderink contacted the Allegan County Road Commission and was told it was approved by the township board. He asked if anyone had told the Commission that there should be no parking there and Hofmeyer said he had not and is not aware of such an ordinance. Hofmeyer said normally when such a change is made it is done through an official traffic schedule. Hofmeyer suggested Aalderink ask the road commission for the traffic schedule.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

**Supervisor Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:31 P.M.**

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Wendy Van Huis, Township Clerk

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Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary