

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

August 10, 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: Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Michelle Sall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Delaney, Jim Johnson

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 July 13, 2022, meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the minutes as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

3. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from July. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the July bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

4. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Kapenga: Updated the board on Allegan County issues.
- b. Planning Commission: Meshkin updated the board from the August meeting.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Meshkin updated the board from the July meeting.
- d. Parks Commission: Tom Shuff updated the board on parks commission issues.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker: July fire/rescue calls -- 78 total, Fillmore – 2 fire calls, 13 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 14 fire calls, 43 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 3 fire calls (2 to Holland, 1 to Allegan County Sheriff's Department), 2 medical/rescue calls (1 to Holland, 1 to Ganges).

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

6. OLD BUSINESS -- None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Public Inspection of Assessor's Records Resolution

The board discussed the proposed Resolution 2022-13.

**A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Dewey, to approve Resolution 2022-13 Public Inspection of Assessor's Record as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

### b. Board of Review Appointment

The board discussed the appointment of Helen Heneveld to the board of review for a 2-year term. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to appoint Helen Heneveld to the board of review for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2023. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

### c. Road Commission Agreement

The board discussed the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Allegan County Road Commission and Laketown Township. Meshkin explained that the agreement is to get about a dozen homeowners' sump pumps rehooked into a new storm sewer system in the area of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street north of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They were disconnected for repair work on the multi-use path. Since the road commission will not allow the homes to hook back into the system in which they had previously been connected for decades, the township will create a new drainage district that will permit this. In the meanwhile, the proposal creates a temporary agreement that states Laketown Township accepts responsibility for the homeowners' piping until the drain district is established. The board emphasized that this is a temporary solution and that the agreement needs to state this is for storm sewer only, that the two paragraph 11s ("Remedies" and "Right of Assignment") be correctly listed and that when the drainage district is complete there is an automatic repeal as stated under "Right of Assignment" after a county drain is created.

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Allegan County Road Commission and Laketown Township as presented with the changes discussed. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

### d. Township Clerk Resignation

The board discussed the resignation of Clerk Michelle Sall to become the township's new community development director. Board members praised Sall for her service. The board has 45 days to fill the position. Sall's last day is Aug. 14. Anyone interested in applying for the clerk position should contact the township.

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Howell, to accept the resignation of Clerk Michelle Sall effective Aug. 14. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

## 8. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Randy Boettjer, 6030 Woodcrest Court: Thanks for fixing bike trails, would like rough spots taken care of.

Nancy Keck, 6566 Windemere Way: Lives near Saugatuck Dunes State Park and has been having parking issues on the street, worried about speeding as well. Would like a traffic study, have the curve managed so emergency equipment can get through and hopes the township can find a solution.

Larry Jackson: Running as Democrat for the 86<sup>th</sup> District of the state House of Representatives, introduced himself.

## 9. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**