

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

September 8, 2021

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. Zoom option available for the public.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Dewey (via Zoom, from home, due to health issues), Jim Delaney,
Linda Howell, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – township manager
Jim Hayden – public information officer

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the Aug. 11, 2021, meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from August. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the August 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 Clerk Bob Genetski: Presented the annual report from the Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds. (Zoom froze at 7:11 p.m.; restored at 7:15 p.m.)
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from September.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: None. Howell said the township board will address the need for ZBA alternates at the October workshop. Anyone interested in being an alternate should contact Meshkin.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairman Tom Shuff reported pickleball courts are being used and the commission is working out details on procedures of use; noted volunteers will be helping the township on Sept. 16 United Way Day of Caring; showed the board welcome sign designs by

Patty Meyer of the Felt Mansion.

- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed August fire/rescue calls with 67 total calls, Fillmore – 7 fire calls, 15 medical/rescue calls, Laketown – 11 fire calls, 31 medical/rescue calls, Assists – 3 fire calls (1 Holland, 1 Park, 1 Hamilton). Den Bleyker reported the department’s quick response to a cardiac arrest call resulted in the person who had no heartbeat and was not breathing was revived and has since returned to work.

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

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS

A: Ottogan Drain Assessment Resolution

The township board discussed the proposed resolution regarding Resolution 2021-09 Ottogan Drain Assessment Acceptance Resolution. Meshkin said the township will be paying approximately \$115,000 of the project, noting the resolution means the township will pay, not the individual property owners. **A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2021-09 Ottogan Drain Assessment Acceptance Resolution. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

B: 62nd Street Bike Path Repair Bids

The township board discussed bids for repairs to the 62nd Street non-motorized pathway. Township engineers Prein & Newhof recommend low bidder Hossink Excavating LLC of Zeeland at \$158,176.60 with HMA asphalt option. Johnson was concerned about the unknown costs of catch basins, driveway replacement and pipe parts. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to approve the bid of \$158,176.60 for the HMA Sidewalk Option by Hossink Excavating LLC of Zeeland, Mich. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

C: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Ordinance

The township board discussed proposed Ordinance No. 204 Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance. Meshkin explained the changes, noting the new R 1 ½ District and that the changes are consistent with the Master Plan. Howell thanked the planning commission for its work on the ordinance. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Sall, to approve Ordinance No. 204 Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

Howell said the township board will work on setting priorities and discussing federal rescue funds at a workshop meeting.

Delaney said the board did not reach a consensus at the prior workshop meeting regarding Meshkin's contract.

Howell noted the passing of Lloyd Lubbers, who served on the township board from 2000-2004. Howell sent condolences to his family.

ARTICLE IX ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.