

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

September 9, 2020

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Clerk Michelle Sall 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: Gary Dewey (Zoom), Michelle Sall (Zoom),
Jim Johnson, Ed Stielstra
MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Howell
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 July 8, 2020, meeting. **A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dewey to approve the minutes as submitted. Sall 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. Dewey said revenue sharing will be down but not as much as originally thought due to online sales. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to approve the bills as submitted. Sall called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE IV. CORRESPONDENCE – None

ARTICLE V. REPORT OF OFFICEFRS

A: COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA – Not present

B: PLANNING COMMISSION – Johnson

Johnson reviewed action of the Sept. 2 Planning Commission meeting, noting action on Toukoumidis site plan, Higher Climb Site Plan Review, Monroe Special Use Requests for 4131 Beeline, 3717 63rd St. and 3730 63rd St.

C: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Stielstra

Stielstra reviewed action of the Aug. 26 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, noting action Smit variance request, Toukoumidis variance requests.

D: PARKS COMMISSION – Tom Shuff

Shuff reviewed action and discussion of the Aug. 19 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, noting land at Huysen Farm has been tilled for milkweed to attract butterflies. Meshkin noted two calls to the township over the tilling: One person angry the land has been plowed where he walks his dog; a person said she did not like milkweed or butterflies. Shuff noted discussion about goats being used to control invasives, doing work on welcome signs to update policy on dogs, that Sept. 17 is the Day of Caring and the pickleball courts will be discussed at the next meeting. Township board members discussed invasive species and Meshkin noted the different groups that help eliminate invasives on township property.

E: GRAASCHAP FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Doug DenBleyker

Chief reported a total of 75 calls in August: Fillmore had three fire calls and 10 medical/rescue calls. Laketown had eight fire calls and 48 medical/rescue calls. Assists to other departments or agencies totaled six – one to Saugatuck, one to Hamilton, one to Overisel, three to Holland. Hazard pay grants were awarded to firefighters. Grant applied to cover personal protection equipment.

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rental Unit Amendment Ordinance. The board discussed the proposed amendment to the rental ordinance: Ordinance No. 199, Rental Unit Amendment Ordinance as presented. Meshkin noted he was waiting for final draft from the attorney. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve Rental Unit Amendment Ordinance. Sall called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tom Shuff, 4706 Forest Ridge: Said the rental rules allow mini-hotels and that 16 people is too many.

ARTICLE IX ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Sall called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE