

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

REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 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,
Linda Howell, Gary Dewey
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Stielstra
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 August 8, 2018 meeting. **A motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Dewey 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 August 2018. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell 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 - None

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAPENGA

Kapenga gave an update on recent county business including the water contamination in Otsego, 2019 budget and 5-year plan for the county.

- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on September 5, 2018 and the following items were discussed: Darby Planned Unit Development was tabled; Tucker Special Use Request was tabled pending amendments to the report and resolution; Bustle Site Plan was approved; Van Wieren

Rezoning Request was approved for recommendation to the township board; Tuthill Special Use Request for an accessory building approved; Vandenberg Special Use Amendment Request was approved.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – MESHKIN

Meshkin reported that the ZBA met on August 22 and approved the Giovannucci variance request.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – MICHELLE SALL

Sall reported that the Parks Commission met on August 15 and the following items were discussed: Meat & Greet for residents scheduled for September 19 at 6:00pm just before the regular meeting; Laketown Beach stairs; Lakeview School Park Master Park Plan; Blue Star Trail Memorandum of Understanding; there are 88 volunteers for the Day of Caring scheduled to work in a number of parks; major repair to the stairs at Sanctuary Woods; agreement with beach grass provider; applications due September 14 for bow hunting at Huyser Farm; the beach grant is still in process.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – HOFMEYER

Hofmeyer provided the report for Chief Den Bleyker noting the response calls for the month of August were as follows: 57 calls total, 40 calls from Laketown, consisting of 11 medical/rescue and 29 fire calls, 2 smoke alarm installs; 11 from Fillmore, consisting of 9 medical/rescue calls and 2 fire calls. There were 3 fire assists to Saugatuck (1) and Hamilton (2) and 1 medical/rescue assists to Saugatuck.

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

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. FRIENDS OF THE FELT ESTATE AGREEMENT

Hofmeyer explained the Friends of the Felt Estate Agreement is to oversee and manage day-to-day operation of the buildings including the rental duties.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to adopt the Friends of the Felt Estate Agreement.** Howell thanked Meshkin for amending the agreement to include the resident events. **Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. 62ND STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Hofmeyer explained the culvert replacement is necessary and will cost \$28,000, \$18,000 of which the township will be paying for and \$10,000 from the Allegan County Road Commission. The work will be done this month and the road resurfaced in October.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Van Huis to approve the 62nd Street Culvert replacement.** Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. **UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. MACC BYLAWS CHANGES

Hofmeyer reviewed the MACC Bylaws changes which involve minor revisions to the Executive Committee structure.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to approve the MACC Bylaws changes. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

D. VAN WIEREN REZONING

Hofmeyer explained the Van Wieren rezoning request is to split the current parcels and create a new home site.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Dewey to approve the Van Wieren rezoning request. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mitra Delaney of 6298 145th Avenue spoke in opposition to the emergency access project. Delaney reviewed the requests made at previous meetings opposing the project. Jim Delaney provided a document to the board members with substantiating back-up documentation asking the board to stop any further pursuit of the emergency access project. Delaney said Laketown residents are thankful for the emergency responders but ask that board members address this at the October board meeting.

Sherri Circo of 6397 Hidden Ponds asked why this continues to be pursued when there are documents from the Federal Department of Transportation stating that it is not in compliance.

Keith Becksvort of 4468 64th Street said he understood that MDOT canceled the project and he feels that all the money that has been spent on engineering hours is ridiculous.

Meshkin explained that the Federal Highways objects to the use of shared access resulting in the project being on hold. Based on a letter received from the MDOT administrator, MDOT supports the project.

Laura Lohr of 4355 64th Street spoke in opposition of the emergency access project.

Udelis Kuipers of 142nd Street spoke in opposition of the emergency access project.

Bob Lamar of 4612 66th Street said he hears that off 144th and 142nd there is access to the highway and asked why that isn't used.

Hofmeyer said work will continue with MDOT and Federal Highway for feasible options.

Jeff Gentry of Oakwood Lane spoke in opposition of the emergency access project and asked how much money was spent so far on the project.

Becksvort asked when the south end of 64th Street will be paved and Meshkin said it should be this year but not sure if the media lockout will affect the project. Becksvort also commented on the township maintenance worker driving the township truck to his home and feels it should be parked at the township hall. Meshkin responded that the truck is not used for personal use and Williams often drives directly to the work projects from his home.

A resident asked if the plan is to pursue the emergency access project. Hofmeyer said the township is waiting for a response from the federal and state entities.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

Wendy Van Huis, Township Clerk

Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary