

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

October 12, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Linda Howell called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the township hall. Zoom option also available for the public.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Davis, Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township manager
Doug Den Bleyker – Graafschap Fire Department chief
Jim Hayden – Public information officer

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes of the Sept. 14, 2022, regular meeting and the Sept. 22, 2022, special meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of Sept. 14, 2022, and Sept. 22, 2022, as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

3. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from September. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the September bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

4. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Kapenga: None at this time.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson updated the board from the October meeting.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Meshkin updated the board from the September meeting.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairperson Tom Shuff updated the board from the September meeting and plans to appoint a committee to decide what to do with Huyser House.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker: September fire/rescue calls -- 77 total, Fillmore – 3 fire calls, 11 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 17 fire calls, 44 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 1 fire call to Holland, 1 medical/rescue call to Saugatuck.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS -- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Myrtle Drain Agreement

Meshkin explained the proposal along 62nd Street west to the Ottogan Intercounty Drain. The resolution is the first step in a process that could take 6 months to a year to complete that will include public hearings. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Davis, to approve the Myrtle Drain Agreement as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

b. Allegan County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

Meshkin explained the county's hazard mitigation plan. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Delaney, to adopt Resolution 2022-14 Allegan County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

c. Friends of the Felt Estate Raffle Resolution

Meshkin explained the Friends of the Felt Estate plan for a raffle. Winner will get tickets to go up in the towers of the Mackinac Bridge. The state requires the local unit of government to recognize the nonprofit organization. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Davis, to adopt Resolution 2022-15 Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

Meshkin noted that Friends of the Felt has started an endowment fund for the Felt Estate through the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area.

8. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ray Buursma, 6529 145th Ave: Thanked the board for its work. Has a neighbor, whom he likes, renting his property for an AirbBNB. Renters have been noisy. Asked board about what to do. Howell noted the pending state legislation. Buursma said he would be involved with a township group to help solve problems.

Dean Kapenga, Allegan County commissioner, reviewed Allegan County Board activity.

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.