

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

December 8, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Linda Howell called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the township hall. Zoom option also available for the public.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall

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

The board members reviewed the minutes of the Nov. 10, 2021, meeting. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dewey, to approve the minutes 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 November. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the November 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: Updated the board on Allegan County Board activities including new website, body cameras for deputies, changes at courthouse.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from December.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.
- d. Parks Commission: No report.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed November fire/rescue calls with 72 total calls, Fillmore – 5 fire calls, 20 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 8 fire calls, 38 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 4 fire calls (2 Holland, 1 Saugatuck, 1 Hamilton), 2 medical/rescue assists to Holland.

Sara Giesler of the Holland Community Aquatic Center Board updated the board on the construction and renovation of the pool facility.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS -- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A: 2022 Road Work

The township board discussed proposed 2022 road work totaling \$930,000. Proposed work is to resurface 65th Street from Island Lake to 140th Avenue for \$265,000; Resurface Spruce, Beech, Cherry, Maple and Pine north of Creek for \$150,000; Resurface 65th Street north of 147th Avenue, Wildwood, Hunters and Huntington for \$185,000; Blue Jay and Cardinal for \$75,000; Resurface bikepaths on 147th Avenue and north for \$250,000; Four roadside mowings for all roads for \$4,000; Dust control for \$1,000. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the proposed 2022 road work plan. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

The proposals will be sent to the Allegan County Road Commission for bidding. When bids come in, the proposals come back to the township board for approval. Sall requested Meshkin send the board the PASER ratings on the road conditions.

B: 2008 Bond Call Resolution

The board discussed paying off part of the 2008 capital improvement bonds in the amount of \$60,000. **A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Delaney, to approve Resolution 2021-10 Resolution Approving Redemption of Part of the Callable Outstanding Laketown Township Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008 Prior to Maturity. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

C: 2005 Bond Call Resolution

The board discussed paying off part of the 2005 capital improvement bonds in the amount of \$55,000. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2021-11 Resolution Approving Redemption of Part of the Callable Outstanding Laketown Township Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2005 Prior to Maturity. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

D: Uses of ARPA Funds

The board discussed uses of \$622,000 American Rescue Plan Act funds as presented.

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to reimburse the funds with \$62,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to repay Covid expenses. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Delaney, to approve \$115,000 to pay employees, contractors and appointed board members from American Rescue Plan Act funds for essential workers. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

E: Sall reminded board members of the upcoming deadline for the newsletter; Delaney discussed the use of American Rescue Fund Act money for nonprofits; Howell said she will have nominees for alternates for the zoning board of appeals for discussion at the January workshop

8. CITIZENS COMMENTS -- None

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.