

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Wednesday, June 7, 2023

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Linda Howell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Davis (5:01 p.m.), Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin, township manager; Michelle Sall, community development director; Doug DenBleyker, Graafschap Fire Department chief; Jim Hayden, public information coordinator

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Johnson, second by Dewey, to approve the workshop minutes of May 3, 2023. Howell called for a vote. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

ARTICLE III. FINANCES

The board discussed the bills and came to a consensus to put the bills on the June 14 regular meeting agenda.

ARTICLE IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) The board discussed the appointment process to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The board came to a consensus to put the appointment on the June 14 regular meeting agenda.
- b) The board discussed the proposed franchise agreement with SEMCO Energy. The board came to a consensus to put the issue on the June 14 regular meeting agenda.

ARTICLE V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Meshkin presented his road work plan for possible projects through 2030.
- b) Meshkin noted the Blue Star Bike Path will not be constructed until 2024 because the bids came in at 30% over estimate. The project will be rebid this fall
- c) Meshkin updated the board on cable/internet status.
- d) Delaney asked about American Rescue Plan Act funds and the Community Enhancement Program. Dewey said the program should be approved soon.
- e) Delaney asked why there is no email for Parks and Recreation Commission. Meshkin said the parks commission has not formally asked for one.
- f) Delaney asked why the Building Authority spending for the Huyser House does not come through the township board, why there is no function or plan yet for the Huyser House. Meshkin said the Building Authority is looking at uses. Howell said the work being done now is cosmetic, such as painting. Delaney asked to make a motion to not to go forward with work on the Huyser House until the Building Authority has a plan for its use. Dewey said the board does not make motions at workshops. No motion made.

ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Start: 6:21 p.m.

Two people spoke.

Topics: Huyser House ; Financial documents for audience; Bids; Donations.

End: 6:26 p.m.

ARTICLE VII. NEXT WORKSHOP – The next regular workshop meeting is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

ARTICLE IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dewey, second by Johnson, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Howell called for a vote. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.