

PROPOSED MINUTES  
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUILDING AUTHORITY  
4338 BEELINE ROAD  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
HOLLAND, MI 49423

July 5, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tom Shuff called the Building Authority to order at 10 a.m. at the township hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Meshkin, Robert Schaftenaar, Tom Shuff, Amber Davis (ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Dewey (ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Meshkin, seconded by Schaftenaar, to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023, meeting. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Wolters House

Meshkin said that the efforts to find an educational use for the Wolters House have not been successful so putting the house on the market as a single-family rental is an option. The township would use a property management firm. The board discussed proposals from BVW Property Management of Holland and Keystone Properties Inc of Holland. Shuff and Schaftenaar asked to walk through the Wolters House before making a final decision. Meshkin would provide them keys to go through individually so they would not be violating the Open Meetings Act.

**A motion was made by Meshkin, seconded by Schaftenaar, to tentatively hire BVW Property Management of Holland for property management of the Wolters House pending no objections from board members after walking through the house. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

Meshkin said he is investigating a bond to replace the mortgage on the Wolters House. Meshkin explained the difference between a mortgage and a bond.

b. Huyser House

Meshkin updated the Escape Ministries work on the site including landscaping, priming and painting the house. Meshkin is working on electric and internet for the site for cameras and outside lights. Meshkin said he had a proposal for the house, but it was for a commercial use which is not permitted.

Davis asked about MSU. Meshkin said officials there have not been contacted yet.

Schaftenaar asked if a supervisor is always with the Escape Ministries crew. Meshkin said yes.

Shuff asked how the authority members felt about the township renting two properties. Meshkin said there is no conflict with township renting property and a property manager keeps the township out of day-to-day operations.

Authority members discussed costs to upgrade the property versus using it as a repository for township history or museum.

4. NEW BUSINESS -- None

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Start: 10:36.

Five people spoke.

Topics: Wolters House, Huyser House, Old Township Hall

End: 10:47 a.m.

6. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Meshkin, seconded by Schaftenaar, to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**