

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Wednesday, July 5, 2023

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Linda Howell called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Davis, Jim Delaney (5:03 p.m.), 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 June 7, 2023. Howell called for a vote. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 4-0. (Delaney not present for vote)

ARTICLE III. FINANCES

The board discussed the bills and came to a consensus to put the bills on the July 12 regular meeting agenda.

ARTICLE IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) The board discussed drafting a letter of support for the State of Michigan to apply for a grant to purchase land known as the Rosenberg Property that is for sale by Holland City. The board came to a consensus to put the letter supporting the state purchase on the July 12 regular meeting agenda.
- b) The board discussed the resignation of Treasurer Gary Dewey. The board came to a consensus to put accepting Dewey's resignation on the July 12 regular meeting agenda.
- c) The board discussed how to replace Treasurer Gary Dewey. Trustee Jim Johnson has expressed interest in the treasurer position. Supervisor Howell asked if any other board members had interest. No other board members expressed interest in the treasurer position. The board discussed the uniqueness of the treasurer role, that someone is needed immediately to sign checks and pay bills. A vacancy in the position would greatly interfere with our financial and fiduciary responsibilities. The board came to a consensus to discuss at the July 12 regular meeting the appointment of a replacement for Dewey and if that person is a current board member, then the board will seek other applicants for the trustee position. Howell said the general application form will be posted on the website. Meshkin said people should call him if they are interested or have questions about either position.

ARTICLE V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Meshkin said the road work is complete.
- b) Meshkin said the auditor will give a presentation at the Sept. 13 meeting.
- c) Howell said the Ask the Board feature is active on the website.
- d) Johnson asked how much of website is complete. Meshkin said it is done.

ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Start: 5:32 p.m.

Three people spoke.

Topics: Website; Minutes; Possible trustee opening; Treasurer opening.

End: 5:38 p.m.

ARTICLE VII. NEXT WORKSHOP – The next regular workshop meeting is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023.

ARTICLE IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dewey, second by Davis, to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. Howell called for a vote. VOICE VOTE.

PASS UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.