

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

July 12, 2023

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 available for the public.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township manager
Michelle Sall – Community development director
Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of June 14, 2023. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE

3. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board discussed the proposed bills.

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Davis, to approve the June bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE

4. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Jim Storey: Reported on Allegan County topics.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reported on the July planning commission action.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.
- d. Parks Commission: Jeremy Van Hoven reported on June parks commission action.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Howell shared the June numbers: Fire/rescue calls -- 61 total, Fillmore – 2 fire calls, 9 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 14 fire calls, 31 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 2 fire calls, 2 to Holland; Medical/Rescue Calls – 3 to Holland.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Start: 6:19 p.m.

Two people spoke. Topics: Treasurer

End: 6:21 p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS -- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Letter of Support for Grant Application

The board discussed supporting an application by the Department of Natural Resources for a grant through the DNR Trust Fund for \$3.3 million for the state to buy the Rosenberg Property for sale by the City of Holland. No cost to the township.

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the township supervisor to sign a letter of support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to apply for a grant from the state Trust Fund to purchase the Rosenberg Property to be part of Saugatuck Dunes State Park. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

b. Township Treasurer Resignation

The board thanked Dewey for his service to the township.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Delaney, to accept the letter of resignation from Treasurer Gary Dewey with regrets and appreciation effective July 31. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

c. Township Treasurer Appointment

Howell pointed out the township has two qualified applicants – Jim Johnson and Stacey Lefevre. The board discussed each applicant. Johnson and Lefevre presented their qualifications to the board. Dewey not permitted to vote by state law.

A motion was made by Howell, seconded by Johnson, to appoint Jim Johnson as treasurer effective Aug. 1. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

The board discussed filling Johnson's trustee position. The board will accept applications until 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. The board will decide at its August meeting how it will handle interviews.

8. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Start: 6:47 p.m.

Two people spoke. Topics: Treasurer; letter of support for DNR.

End: 6:49 p.m.

Board members thanked Dewey for his years of service. Dewey thanked the board and community members. Howell presented Dewey with a plaque thanking him for his service.

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE.