

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Delaney, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Davis

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 Delaney, to approve the workshop minutes of July 5, 2023. Howell called for a vote. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

ARTICLE III. FINANCES

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

ARTICLE IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) The board agreed to cancel the Aug. 9 meeting.

ARTICLE V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a) The board discussed how to handle the 10 applicants (so far) for the trustee position. Meshkin will send all applications received by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, to board members by noon Saturday, Aug. 5. Board members will individually rank their top 3-5 candidates and submit to Meshkin by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. Meshkin will compile the top three candidates selected by each board member and score them based on the number of selections by the board members. Meshkin will set up interviews of the top 3 to 5 candidates, dependent on scoring, for a special meeting starting 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30. Board members will conduct the interviews at that special meeting and hopefully select the new trustee that evening.
- b) Delaney asked how the replacement of the Felt Estate director is progressing. Meshkin said Friends of the Felt Estate is handling the process and is making very good progress. They have several very good candidates.
- c) Meshkin noted an upcoming special assessment for the Kelly Drain.
- d) Johnson asked about the Blue Star Highway bike path. Meshkin explained the status with plans to bid again in the fall and build and complete in 2024.
- e) Delaney asked about the status of Wolters House. Meshkin said he has put private rental on hold and is exploring another option.

ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Start: 5:33 p.m.

One person spoke.

Topics: Wolters House, Building Authority, township manager.

End: 5:35 p.m.

ARTICLE VII. NEXT WORKSHOP – The next regular workshop meeting is 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023.

ARTICLE IX. ADJOURNMENT

Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.