

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

August 17, 2023

I. 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Davis (ex-officio), Jim Johnson (ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Meshkin, seconded by Schaftenaar, to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2023, meeting. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Wolters House

Meshkin explained the proposed lease with Holland Christian Schools who expressed interest in the Wolters House to be part of their nature school program. The proposal is to rent for \$1,600, which would net about the same as the \$1,800 for the private lease because of the percentage paid to the lease company for the private resident. The board discussed the proposed lease.

A motion was made by Schaftenaar, seconded by Meshkin, to repeal the July 5, 2023, motion tentatively hiring BVW Property Management of Holland for property management of the Wolters House pending approval of board members after walking through the house, and approve the Lease for Wolters Dwelling as presented. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

b. Huyser House

Meshkin presented a proposed plan for Huyser House entitled “The Huyser House: Restoration Plan for Adaptive Use.” The plan calls for the restoration for adaptive use as a multi-use post-Depression-era historic home that functions as a Living Legacy Center. The estimated cost is \$125,000. The authority discussed the proposal. Meshkin said the plan meets the authority’s obligation as set March 15 by the Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission charge to develop a doable plan within 6 months.

A motion was made by Schaftenaar, seconded by Meshkin, to approve the Huyser House plan as presented and release it for distribution. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

A copy of the approved plan will be distributed to the township board, parks commission and the Land Conservancy of West Michigan. Anyone who wants a copy should email Meshkin at Al@laketownwp.org.

IV. NEW BUSINESS -- None

V. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Start: 10:30.

Five people spoke.

Topics: Huyser House plan, Wolters Woods Park house, Huyser House.

End: 10:37 a.m.

6. ADJOURN

Shuff adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.