

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

REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2014

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Wendy Van Huis, Gary Dewey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Scanlan, Ed Stielstra

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Cal Haverdink – Graafschap Fire Chief
Janele Hagerty – Township Deputy
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Treasurer Gary Dewey opened the meeting with prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of December 2013. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve and pay the bills as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE – None

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE GENETSKI – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA – No report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Al Meshkin

Al Meshkin reported that the Planning Commission did not meet on January 7, 2014 as scheduled

due to the weather conditions. The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The topics will be a Special Use Permit Amendment Request from RB Land Holdings LLC to permit outdoor events; Genzink / Ultra Properties Request for a Planned Unit Development and an update on the Bee Keeping Ordinance.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – No report.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – No report.

F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – Deputy Janel Hagerty

Deputy Janel Hagerty reported that many outbuildings in the Township and surrounding area were broken into recently and after about two weeks the activity had subsided. So far none of the stolen property has shown up in pawn shops or other venues for sale. It is assumed that many of the items had traceable serial numbers so the thieves have to be more creative in selling the goods. Unfortunately, the activity has resumed as there were numerous break-ins of businesses and private property buildings on Christmas Eve and during the holidays. The suspects are coming into Laketown and Park Townships. Shoe impressions were taken from the business break-ins and there was some video of the suspect's vehicle. The community awareness and watch efforts are critical so please do not hesitate to call if you see anything suspicious and continue to advise your neighbors to do the same.

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer said we know you are doing a great job with the investigation and it just proves that we are not immune to this type of activity in our neighborhoods. Clerk Wendy Van Huis asked for any ideas besides locking your buildings and keeping lights on the buildings. Deputy Hagerty suggested putting 2 x 4's on service doors if they are not in use and keep an eye out for anything that looks suspicious or unusual. The community awareness and watch is so important and residents have really come together to support these efforts.

G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Chief Cal Haverdink

Chief Haverdink reported the response calls for the month of December were as follows: 34 calls total, 22 calls from Laketown, consisting of 19 rescue and 3 fire, 10 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 8 rescue calls and 2 fire calls. There was 1 fire assist and 1 rescue assist to Saugatuck Fire Department. It's been a busy month so far this month but fortunately no major fires have occurred in the area.

H. DDA – No report.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the resolution to set the date for the Annual Township Board Meeting.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Annual Meeting Resolution 2014-01 declaring the meeting to be held on March 12, 2014. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED**

B. SALARY RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the following salary resolutions adding that there were no increases this year.

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Trustee Salary Resolution 2014-02 noting that as of April 1, 2014, the salary of the Township Trustees shall be \$3,500.00 each.

A motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the Trustee Salary Resolution 2014-02 setting the salaries at \$3,500.00 each. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Clerk Salary Resolution 2014-03 noting that as of April 1, 2014, the salary of the Township Clerk shall be \$15,000.00

A motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Clerk Salary Resolution 2014-04 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Treasurer Salary Resolution 2014-04 noting as of April 1, 2014, the salary of the Township Treasurer shall be \$15,000.00.

A motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Treasurer Salary Resolution 2014-04 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed Supervisor Salary Resolution 2014-05 noting as of April 1, 2014, the salary of the Township Supervisor shall be \$15,000.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Supervisor Salary Resolution 2014-05 setting the salary at \$15,000.00. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED**

C. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Hofmeyer stated there is only one board appointment and that is for Linda Howell to the Planning Commission. He recommends the reappointment of Linda Howell.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the reappointment of Linda Howell to the Planning Commission. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS - None

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED

Wendy Van Huis, Township Clerk

Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary