

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

February 8, 2017

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

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, Ed Stielstra,
Gary Dewey, Linda Howell
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Trustee Ed Stielstra 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 January 11, 2017 meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra 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 Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of January 2017. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell 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 WHITEFORD – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA – No report.

Hofmeyer stated that he met with Kapenga who informed him that the commissioners along with law enforcement are working on guidelines for all townships regarding the medical marijuana laws.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on February 1 and discussed the following items: approved for recommendation to the Township Board the resolution and report for the West Wind Village P.U.D.; approved Brunger Special Use Request for an addition to an existing accessory building.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – STIELSTRA

Stielstra reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on January 25 and approved the RPE Trust Variance requests for Lots #179; #190 and #219; conducted election of officers as follows: Weishaar, Chairman, Johnson, Vice Chair and Stielstra, Secretary.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – JOHNSON

Johnson reported that the Parks Commission met on January 18 and discussed the following items: resident came in and suggested pickle ball courts on the former basketball courts at the Felt Estate or Wolters Woods; Laketown beach stairs and sand issue; tabled discussion on Old Township Hall; Huyser Farmhouse; potential dog park near Wolters Woods if property is acquired; invasive species; grants for 2017-2018; proposed projects for 2017; election of officers as follows: Sall, Chairperson, Bosscher, Vice Chair and Johnson, Treasurer.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – CHIEF DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyker submitted a written report on the response calls for the month of January: 53 calls total, 39 calls from Laketown, consisting of 27 rescue, 9 fire and 3 smoke alarm installs, 10 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 8 rescue call and 2 fire call, 2 fire assists 1 to Saugatuck and 1 fire assist to Holland and 2 rescue assists to Saugatuck.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. ATTORNEY RECOMMENDATION ON MACATAWA WATER LITIGATION

Supervisor Hofmeyer explained there was a closed session meeting to discuss the attorney-client privileged recommendation from its legal counsel in connection with the pending appeals of S.A.D. No. 12. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the recommendation of our attorney concerning the Macatawa Water S.A.D. No.12. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a roll call vote on the motion.**

- Howell - Aye**
- Dewey - Aye**
- Van Huis - Aye**
- Stielstra - Aye**
- Hofmeyer – Aye**

UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

B. 2017 ROAD WORK

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed 2017 Proposed Road Work schedule. It entails the following: resurfacing for 142nd Avenue from I-196 to township beach and Jack Pine Drive, Reserve Way, and Wild Creek Drive. Dust control is proposed for \$2,000 and four roadside mowing (one paid by the county) for all roads at \$5,000.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Van Huis to approve the 2017 Road Work schedule. Chairman Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion.**
UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

C. WEST WIND VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Supervisor Hofmeyer explained it is an agreement between the township and the developer to provide clarification of the requirements as stated in the Zoning Code of Ordinances. The agreement was prepared by the township attorney and will be used as a template for future planned unit developments. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey seconded by Howell to approve the West Wind Village Condominium Development Agreement.**

Howell explained this is the northwest corner of 147th and 61st and it is a 67 unit condominium association. Meshkin stated that in the past the board would approve a P.U.D. and a development agreement which has now been combined as one. This agreement covers the details of the development for conditions and responsibilities. Stielstra asked if this will serve as a basic tool for future developments. Meshkin responded this will be template for future use. **Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

D. NEW FIRE ENGINE LEASE

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the new fire engine lease purchase agreement.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey seconded by Stielstra to approve Resolution 2017-07 for the new fire engine lease.**

Chief Den Bleyker reported that the interest rates were better with the lease company than local banks for the \$401,000 4-wheel drive vehicle. This engine will replace a 1985 vehicle. Van Huis asked when it would be delivered and Den Bleyker responded May/June timeframe. **Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

E. QECB WAIVER RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds Allocation to the State of Michigan.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Van Huis to approve Resolution 2017-06 for the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds Allocation.**

Meshkin explained the federal government allocated \$1 million in stimulus money to Allegan County which offered townships a 50% savings on loan interest. Laketown used approximately \$105,000 of this money to update the heating and cooling system at the Felt Mansion. There were unused funds available and this resolution releases those funds back to the state. **Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

F. APPOINTMENTS PC and ZBA

Supervisor Hofmeyer submitted David Weishaar's name for consideration of appointment to the Planning Commission. Weishaar currently chairs the ZBA.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve the appointment of David Weishaar to the Planning Commission.**

Howell asked if he will stay on ZBA and Meshkin explained that Bob Slikkers has been appointed as Chairman of the Planning Commission and will step down from his position on the ZBA. Weishaar will serve as the liaison from the ZBA to the Planning Commission as Slikkers had been. **Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64th Street asked if there are plans to repair the rough sections of 64th Street this year. Meshkin responded that part of Graafschap Road will be done in 2017 and a big section of

64th is on the schedule for either 2017 or 2018. Becskvoort asked the Fire Chief what kind of engine is being purchased and Den Bleyker responded that it is a Freightliner chassis and Rosenbauer body.

David Johnson of 4208 66th Street explained that he is a new resident in Laketown and with three young children and one more on the way. He expressed concern regarding the lack of high speed internet access. He and his family moved from a larger city where it would not have been in question. Access is critical for his family, particularly his school aged children who need it for homework. He asked what the status is of bringing it into the township and what can be done to speed up the process. Hofmeyer said this is something we discuss at every meeting and he personally agrees and would like to see high speed Internet here. It had been brought before the residents for a vote that was defeated but it could come up again in August or November of this year. The board members and a large number of township residents support the need for it. Dewey asked where this issue is with our state representative as it was supposed to be introduced with a package of bills. Hofmeyer responded that has had no update. Meshkin added that he has not heard from Whiteford on the bills for the special assessment districts and Dewey added that she had not been assigned to the Technology Committee as she had hoped to be.

Peter Hart of 4072 Fiddlers Way supported what has been said about getting high speed internet in whatever progress is being made.

Jim Johnson asked if there are discussions with Charter about expanding. Meshkin said the last meeting with Charter was in early December and we are still waiting for an official, authorized proposal. Howell said the change in Washington that terminated Internet support for low income individuals to support Life Line may affect the direction on support for Internet in rural areas including comments from the FCC precluding cable companies from providing it. Dewey said there may be another company buying out Charter which may slow things down. Meshkin said the state of the art is fiber.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

Township Clerk, Wendy Van Huis

Recording Secretary, Diane Ybarra