

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

REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2015

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, Linda Howell, Ed Stielstra
MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Dewey
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Cal Haverdink – GFD Chief
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Township Clerk Wendy Van Huis 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 March 11, 2015 meeting, **a motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Ed 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 Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of March 2015. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Ed Stielstra 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 GAMRAT – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA – No report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Al Meshkin

Al Meshkin reported that the Planning Commission met on April 1 for discussion purposes only due to a lack of quorum. The commissioners discussed the language in Section 38.465 of the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be scheduled for May 6 regarding the amendments to this section.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Ed Stielstra

Ed Stielstra reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 30 and the following items were discussed: RPE Trust variance requests #2 and #3 were tabled pending direction from the Planning Commission; Melchiori variance request approved for the placement of an addition to an existing accessory building. Al Meshkin commented that some of the discussion at the Planning Commission involved this type of variance request.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – Linda Howell

Linda Howell reported that the Parks Commission met on March 18 and discussed plans for the upcoming year. Jim Johnson was introduced as a potential new appointment for to the Parks Commission.

F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – No Report.

G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Chief Cal Haverdink

Chief Haverdink reported the response calls for the month of March were as follows: 28 calls total, 23 calls from Laketown, consisting of 18 rescue and 5 fire, 5 calls from Fillmore, 4 consisting of rescue calls and 1 fire calls. There were no assists to other departments.

H. DDA – No report.

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

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer provided a review of the Automatic Aid Agreement between the Fire Departments of the City of Holland, Fillmore and Laketown Townships on fire dispatch. Chief Haverdink explained that this extends the current agreements in place with Allegan and Ottawa Counties for which responses will now be “automatic” and not require a call to initiate aid.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the Fire Department Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED**

B. PROPOSAL 1 SUPPORT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the proposed Resolution 2015-08 Proposal 1 Support Resolution which will increase the state sales tax to support road repair and maintenance.

A motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve Resolution 2015-08 Proposal 1. Linda Howell stated that she supports the resolution but wishes the State would have handled the communication of it in a better manner. Ed Stielstra supports Linda’s comments and added that he feels that it is unfortunate that this additional sales tax will greatly affect the lower income tax payers. Terry Hofmeyer stated that he has written an article for the township newsletter to encourage residents to educate themselves on both sides of the issue and vote accordingly.

Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED

C. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Hofmeyer stated there are vacancies on the Parks Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Hofmeyer proposed the appointment of Jim Johnson to the Parks Commission. Jim has been in the township for a number of years and is interested in becoming more involved.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the appointment of Jim Johnson to the Parks Commission. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Hofmeyer proposed the appointment of Jim Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jim is an employee of GMB Architecture in Holland and with his background will be a great asset to this board.

Following discussion a motion, **a motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the appointment of Jim Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

D. DNR GRANT REQUEST SUPPORT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the proposed Resolution 2015-09 DNR Grant Support Resolution regarding supporting a grant application of the Parks Division of the Department of Natural Resources to assist in funding the purchase of 18.85 acres of land north of the Saugatuck Dunes State Park. The property is presently owned by the Holland Board of Public Works.

A motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve Resolution 2015-09 DNR Grant Support for the DNR purchase of acreage north of the Saugatuck Dunes State Park.

Al Meshkin explained that this purchase does not include the lakefront property. Ed Stielstra asked if this is surrounded by the state park and Al responded that it is just north of the state park and pointed out the property location on a map. The city will retain the lakefront property at this time. Terry Hofmeyer asked about the taxes. Al said it is trust fund grant so the property will be subject to payment lieu of tax (PILT) if the purchase by grant is approved.

Keith Becksvoort asked if the lakefront property is not part of the sale, will the city still have access to the lakefront property. Al said there is an existing access easement.

Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64th Street asked if the Automatic Mutual Aid includes anything south of 32nd Street, does that mean the areas in the City of Holland. Chief Haverdink stated that it would include any commercial or industrial structure calls including the airport.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED

Wendy Van Huis, Township Clerk

Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary