

**MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORKSHOP MEETING**

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Held at the Felt Estate Carriage House
6597 138th Avenue
Saugatuck, MI 49453
ALLEGAN COUNTY

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER –

Terry Hofmeyer called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Wendy Van Huis
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Stielstra
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin
OTHERS PRESENT: Dick Becker

ARTICLE II. MINUTES – A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Workshop minutes from June 1, 2016, Unanimous decision – Motion approved.

ARTICLE III. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Partial release of Utility Line Easement

ARTICLE IV. NON AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Bills from June were handed out for review.
2. **Update on Fiber Optics –**
 - a. Al reported the need for more answers regarding Internet Service Providers. He is expecting more information, perhaps as early as the end of the month.
 - b. Al and Terry met with Charter Communications. They are working on the feasibility of serving the needs of the entire Township. More specifics will be coming from Charter.
 - c. DAS System - A DAS system would require multiple small antennas (approximately 60) throughout the Township.
 - d. Results of using other mechanisms of funding: Michigan Law does not allow using a SAD for funding; Laketown Township is not eligible for grants because of property values along the Lakeshore.
 - e. Gary Dewey will meet with Representative Mary Whiteford seeking to help define Internet Service as “a utility”.

ARTICLE V. NEXT WORKSHOP– The next regular Workshop meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., August 3, 2016.

ARTICLE VI. – CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – Dick Becker expressed his dismay that the Board would even consider putting the issue of Fiber Optics on the November ballot after the Fiber Optics vote was defeated in May. He said the “Vote No” committee did not have time to organize well in May, but that if another vote was held in November, they would be well organized to defeat the proposal.

ARTICLE VII. – ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Wendy Van Huis, Clerk