

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

August 10, 2016

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

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Clerk 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 July 13, 2016 meeting. **A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Stielstra to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

**A motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Howell to approve the minutes of the closed session of July 13, 2016. 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 July 2016. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Howell and seconded by 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 WHITEFORD
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on August 3 and discussed the following items: Obbink request for P.U.D. amendment, which included a public hearing and the board requesting the township attorney prepare a report of recommendation to be reviewed at the next meeting; approved Meiste home site plan for Unit 44 of Forest Beach; tabled Master Plan review discussion.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – STIELSTRA

Stielstra reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 27 and reviewed the Chamberlain Variance Request to change property lines, which included a public hearing. The item was tabled to obtain additional information.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – MICHELLE SALL

The Parks Commission met on July 20 and discussed the following items: The annual Huyser hunt; blueberry help from Mr. Brad Moore; parks survey preliminary results; adaptive use of the Old Township Hall; restrooms without limits; Day of Caring and Laketown Beach stairs.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – CHIEF DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyker submitted a written report on the response calls for the month of July: 51 calls total, 32 calls from Laketown, consisting of 25 rescue and 7 fire, 15 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 11 rescue calls and 4 fire call. There were 4 assists to other departments.

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

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. MICHIGAN CARES FOR TOURISM SPONSORSHIP

Supervisor Hofmeyer asked Meshkin to explain the Michigan Cares for Tourism project. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Howell to approve the Michigan Cares for Tourism Sponsorship. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Jim Ludema of 6376 138<sup>th</sup> Avenue made comments opposing the fiber vote, disagreeing with comments made by Meshkin, questioning meetings with Charter and on technology.

Dick Becker of 2382 Valley Avenue asked if his July 29 correspondence was received and urged the Township to work with Charter.

Mitra Delaney of 6298 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue read a letter from her husband Jim Delaney.

Jim Allen of 4623 66<sup>th</sup> Street said no means no.

Marilyn Passmore of Charter Communications stated the Township has been meeting with Charter.

Julie Budden-Bronsink of 4529 Amphitheatre asked about the meetings with Charter.

Don Wolters of 1740 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street stated we voted no and you are not listening.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED**

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Township Clerk, Wendy Van Huis

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Recording Secretary, Diane Ybarra