

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

REGULAR MEETING  
August 13, 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, Ed Stielstra, Linda Howell  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Dewey  
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager  
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Township Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer 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 9 and special August 6, 2014 meetings, **a motion was made by Ed Stielstra and seconded by Linda Howell 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 July 2014. 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 GENETSKI – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA – No report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Linda Howell

Linda Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on August 6 and there was one approval of a site plan for a single family residence at Forest Beach.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Al Meshkin

Al Meshkin reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 28 and denied one request for a negative setback variance in Scenic Shores.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – No report.

F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – No report.

G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Chief Cal Haverdink

Chief Haverdink reported the response calls for the month of July were as follows: 32 calls total, 23 calls from Laketown, consisting of 19 rescue and 2 fire, 5 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 3 rescue calls and 2 fire calls. There were 3 fire assist calls, 1 to Holland City and 2 to Saugatuck.

H. DDA – No report.

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

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. TULIP INTERCOUNTY RELIEF DRAIN PETITION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the Resolution 2014-09 Tulip Intercounty Relief Drain Petition. Four local governments are affected by this and a petition is necessary with approval from at least two entities. **A motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the Tulip Intercounty Relief Drain Petition Resolution 2014-09.**

Wendy Van Huis asked if Fillmore had discussed this yet. Al Meshkin stated that it was discussed at last night’s meeting but no vote was taken. Linda Howell asked if Holland or Holland Township has provided feedback. Al stated that Holland Township has little involvement and is not interested. City of Holland has not provided feedback. Al stated if this is handled collaboratively, it would alleviate the piecemealing of the drain and the intergovernmental cooperation would bode favorable with the State of Michigan. **Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS VOTE - MOTION APPROVED**

B. POLICE SERVICES RESOLUTION #1

Supervisor Hofmeyer said Police Services Resolution 2014-10 has been discussed for the past 7-8 months as a special assessment to pay for increased services moving from one to two deputies and this would also provide relief to General Fund. **A motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Police Services Resolution #1.**

Ed Stielstra asked if it would go to vote. Terry Hofmeyer said it would be a public hearing, the first of two which would be on September 10. Al Meshkin will get the notices at least 10 days prior to the meeting and it will be advertised in the newspaper and every taxpayer in the township will get a first class mail notice. Al anticipates two resolutions at the September meeting, the first one being the necessity hearing and if passed, the second resolution would set the public hearing for the next date. The additional cost to taxpayers would be approximately \$70.00 per year divided over two tax bills. **Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. 3 to 1 Vote – MOTION APPROVED, Stielstra dissenting.**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Randy Becksvoort of 3930 Beeline Road asked if there would be an appointment for the Parks Commission. Supervisor Hofmeyer responded that it would be done at the next meeting.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Linda Howell to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED**

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Wendy Van Huis, Township Clerk

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Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary