

MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423
WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, September 2, 2015

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER –

Terry Hofmeyer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Ed Stielstra, Wendy Van Huis
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin
OTHERS PRESENT: None

ARTICLE II. MINUTES – A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Stielstra to approve the Workshop minutes from August 5, 2015. Unanimous decision – Motion approved.

ARTICLE III. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rezoning ordinance amendment (property on NW corner of 147th and 64th)
2. Consumer's Energy Streetlight Contract
3. Solar Agreement

ARTICLE IV. NON AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Bills from August were handed out for review.
2. Correspondence: Three letters were received in opposition to the proposed rezoning of the property on NW corner of 147th and 64th St. A motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Howell to enter the letters from Cynthia Baine DeMaagd dated August 5, 2015, Karen Walter-Knoll dated August 9, 2015, and Jim and Connie Bakker dated August 31, 2015 as a matter of record. Unanimous decision – Motion approved.
Other correspondence included invitations to: the Community Foundation event Thursday, September 17; Outdoor Discover Center site and building tour Tuesday, September 29th; Allegan County Leadership Conference Wednesday, October 28th; Annual Blue Jeans and Blitz Ball Friday October 16; Annual meeting of the West Coast Chamber of Commerce Friday, September 18th.
3. Al gave an update on the potential Solar Array at the Mansion, including a new Solar Lease plan (EARP Program) from Consumers Energy vs. the original Power Purchase Agreement with Community Green. Discussion followed.

4. Al gave an update on the future of fiber optics in Laketown Township. Interest is very high among residents.
5. Al gave an update on the Macatawa Water Project including a recap of the meeting he had with the Macatawa Park Association Board held Monday, August 31st.
6. The Board discussed a request to restrict outdoor wood boilers – Al is still exploring the issue. The Board will discuss further at the next Workshop meeting.
7. Al reported on the fatal accident on 138th and 64th. The Board discussed potential ways to help make the corner safer.
8. Terry reported visiting with neighbors of the Old Township Hall to evaluate the issue of dead trees on that Township property and the impact they may have on those neighboring properties. Discussion included the possibility of moving the Old Township Hall and selling the property.
9. Township Manager's contract: as structured in the contract, Al submitted the contract for review and approval. The contract will be automatically renewed if no action taken by September 30th.
10. Ed requested that in the future the Township Board address the problem of invasive species.

ARTICLE V. NEXT WORKSHOP & SPECIAL MEETING – The next regular Workshop meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., October 7, 2015.

ARTICLE VI. – CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - NONE

ARTICLE VII. – ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Wendy Van Huis, Clerk