

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

December 14, 2016

HELD AT THE
FELT MANSION
6597 138TH AVENUE
HOLLAND, MI 49423

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

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, Gary Dewey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Stielstra

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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 November 9, 2016 meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis 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 Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of November 2016. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey 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

Supervisor Hofmeyer reported receiving a letter from Dick Becker of 2382 Valley concerning broadband internet.

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE WHITEFORD - No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA – No report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on December 7 and discussed the Steele P.U.D., a special use permit for a pond on two parcels, and the preliminary site plan review of Westwind Village.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Meshkin reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on November 29 and considered variances for three new cottages in Macatawa. The township attorney was directed to draft resolutions and reports for the three applications.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – MICHELLE SALL

The Parks Commission met on November 15 and discussed starting electric service at the Huyser house, better signage on parks that are gated, and developing a newsletter insert on points of interest in the Township.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – CHIEF DEN BLEYKER

Chief Den Bleyker submitted a written report on the response calls for the month of November: 48 calls total, 30 calls from Laketown, consisting of 23 rescue and 7 fire, 12 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 9 rescue calls and 3 fire calls, 4 fire assists to other departments, 2 to Saugatuck, 1 to Hamilton and 1 to Overisel. Smoke alarms were installed as follows: 0 in Fillmore and 2 in Laketown.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Peter Hart of 4072 Fiddlers Way brought up the need for household hazardous waste service. He also discussed the need for broadband internet in the township and stated the previous plan for a fiber optic system was the best solution.

Gerry Wyse of 6514 Creekwood Drive echoed the need for broadband internet and that fiber is the future. He also mentioned the current legislation being considered in Lansing to allow special assessment districts for telecommunications.

Mike Tighe of 3860 65th Street stated his family moved here expecting fiber internet. Cable is not a viable option.

Jim Delaney of 6298 144th Avenue spoke against a township fiber optic system. He does not want the township to be an ISP or pay a tax for fiber.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ENBRIDGE PIPELINE LINE 5 RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the resolution stating it was brought to the attention of the township by Laura Judge. A motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Dewey to approve the resolution. Hofmeyer stated the Michigan Townships Association has not taken a position on the matter. Howell asked if we have received any objections to the resolution.

Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION

Supervisor Hofmeyer read a letter of resignation from the planning commission by Bob Cook.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to accept the resignation with regrets. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. BOARD OF REVIEW AND HERRICK LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Hofmeyer read a list of proposed appointees.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey seconded by Van Huis to re-appoint Helen Heneveld, Bob Jaskulski, Kevin Stoike and Richard Swanson to the Board of review, and to re-appoint Bob Kool and Gary Dewey to the Herrick Library Board. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. STEELE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

Supervisor Hofmeyer asked Meshkin to review the proposed contract.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey seconded by Howell to approve the Steele Planned Unit Development Contract. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

D. SOLID WASTE REMOVAL AND RECYCABLE COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Supervisor Hofmeyer asked Meshkin to review the Solid Waste Removal and Recyclable Collection Agreement. Meshkin reviewed several main points of the agreement.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey seconded by Van Huis to approve the Solid Waste Removal and Recyclable Collection Agreement. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Dick Becker of 2382 Valley commented on the Macatawa Water project and that costs had doubled and now he is being charged 8% interest on the assessment balance on his tax bill.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED

Township Clerk, Wendy Van Huis

Recording Secretary, Diane Ybarra