

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

February 14, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Linda Howell called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the township hall. Zoom option available for the public.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Davis, Patrick Dietrich (Zoom), Linda Howell, Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Delaney

STAFF PRESENT: Doug DenBleyker – Graafschap Fire Department chief
Al Meshkin – Township manager (Zoom)
Michelle Sall – Community development director
Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Davis, to approve the minutes of Jan. 10, 2024, as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

3. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board discussed the proposed bills.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Davis, to approve the January bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 VOICE VOTE

4. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Jim Storey: Not present. No report.
County Treasurer Sally Brooks addressed the board.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reported on the Feb. 7 meeting.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Sall reported on the Jan. 24 meeting.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairperson Brad Laninga reported on parks issues.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug DenBleyker presented January calls: Total calls: 83. Fillmore – 6 fire calls, 20 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 15 fire calls, 37 medical/rescue calls. Assists to other departments – 3 fire calls, 1 to Saugatuck, 2 to Holland; 2 medical/rescue calls, 1 to Holland, 1 to Allegan County Sheriff's Department with drone; Assists from others – 3 from Hamilton, 3 from Holland, 2 from Overisel, 3 from Saugatuck.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Start: 6:13 p.m.

Four people spoke.

Topics: Jim Delaney, burn ordinance, per diem increase, budget.

End: 6:23 p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Open Burning Ordinance Amendment

The board took no action and plans to address this at the March meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Per Diem Resolution

Meshkin explained the proposal to raise per diem pay for the parks commission, planning commission, zoning board of appeals and fire board. The last increase was in 2021 when the rate was increased to \$85/meeting/member and \$100/meeting/chairperson. The proposal is to increase the rate to \$100/meeting/member and \$125/meeting/chairperson to take effect April 1.

The board discussed the issue.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Davis, to approve Resolution 2024-06 Per Diem Resolution as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 VOICE VOTE

- b. Township Hall Generator Bids

Meshkin explained the current generator is about 30 years and is not operating properly and it is difficult to get replacement parts. The expense is in the 2024 budget starting April 1.

The board discussed the proposals.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Davis, to accept the bid from West Michigan Generator for \$40,000 which includes a five-year warranty. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 VOICE VOTE.

8. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Start: 6:30 p.m.

One person spoke.

Topics: Beach steps.

End: 6:31 p.m.

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 VOICE VOTE.