

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

April 10, 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: Jim Delaney (Zoom non-voting), Patrick Dietrich, Linda Howell,  
Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Davis

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

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dietrich, to approve the minutes of March 13, 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

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

4. CANDIDATES

Howell added space here to let candidates speak.

- Judge William Baillargeon, re-election.
- Mike Villar, candidate for Allegan County prosecutor.
- Emily Jipp, candidate for new Allegan County Circuit Court Judge position.

5. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a) County Commissioner Jim Storey: Allegan County synopsis.
- b) Planning Commission. Johnson reported on the April meeting.
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals. No meeting. No report.
- d) Parks Commission. Commissioner Tom Hoekman gave report of March meeting.
- e) Graafschap Fire Chief Doug DenBleyker: (Zoom) Report submitted.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS BY CONTRACTED SERVICES NON-PROFITS

Howell said presentations should be limited to 10 minutes. No decisions will be made tonight.

- a) Mediation Services – Penny Shuff presented.
- b) Holland Symphony – Kay Walvoord presented.
- c) Reach for Recovery (formerly OAR) – Andrew Davenport presented.
- d) Escape Ministries – Kevin Denton presented.
- e) Holland American Legion Band – Kenni Blaauw presented.
- f) Resilience (form. Center for Women in Transition) – Christina Scarpino presented.

## 7. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

**Start:** 7:29 p.m.

Two people spoke.

Topics: Burn ordinance, contracted services

**End:** 7:34 p.m.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Open Burning Ordinance Amendment
  - a. Meshkin explained the proposed changes to the burning ordinance. The board discussed the proposal. Dietrich noted that not everyone will be pleased with the proposal. Johnson said short term rental owners should have a sign posted listing the burn rules. Meshkin said the sign rules are an administrative action. DenBleyker said the fire department will start tracking burn permits, explained the inspection procedure.

**A motion was made by Dietrich, seconded by Johnson, to approve Ordinance No. 209, an ordinance to amend portions of the Code of Ordinances for Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, specifically including Article III of Chapter 10 addressing rental units, and Article III of Chapter 16 addressing open burning, dated April 2, 2024, as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE. YES – DIETRICH, HOWELL, JOHNSON. NO – NONE. MOTION PASSED 3-0.**

- b) Parks Commission Painting Bids
  - a. Meshkin said the money for the painting of the Old Township Hall is in the parks commission budget. The township board does not need to take any action. Howell, with the consent of the board, removed the issue from the agenda.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue Culvert Replacement Work Order

Meshkin explained the repaving of 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 60<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> streets this year that requires the replacement of a culvert east of 64<sup>th</sup> Street. The current culvert is rusted and deteriorating. The replacement culvert will be made of concrete. The replacement culvert is estimated at \$51,700.

**A motion was made by Dietrich, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Township Work Order for Construction or Special Maintenance on Public Roads, as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 VOICE VOTE**

10. CITIZENS COMMENTS

**Start:** 7:57 p.m.

Four people spoke.

Topics: Burn ordinance, ordinance enforcement, Farview Park.

**End:** 8:06 p.m.

11. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dietrich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 VOICE VOTE.**