

**PROPOSED MINUTES**  
**LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423  
**WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Linda Howell called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amber Davis (5:22 p.m.), Jim Delaney (Zoom non-voting), Patrick Dietrich, Linda Howell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Johnson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Al Meshkin, township manager; Michelle Sall, community development director; Doug DenBleyker, Graafschap Fire Department chief; Jim Hayden, public information coordinator

No quorum at posted 5 p.m. start time. No minutes recorded until quorum at 5:22 p.m.

**ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**See Below**

**ARTICLE III. FINANCES**

**See Below**

**5:22 p.m. Davis arrives to make quorum**

**ARTICLE IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Macatawa Assessor's Replat. Attorney Randy Schipper explained the process. There is no cost to the township unless the township pays for legal publication in a newspaper. It is possible to bill that back to the Macatawa residents so there is no cost to the township. The board came to a consensus to put the issue on the regular June meeting agenda.
- b) Open Burning Ordinance Appeal: Paul DenHartigh has requested an appeal to the township board to be allowed to open burn under the recently passed Open Burning Ordinance. Meshkin explained the options including allowing DenHartigh to burn this season then change the ordinance so all appeals go to the fire chief. The board came to a consensus to put the issue on the regular June meeting agenda.
- c) Planning Commission Appointment: Howell discussed appointing Jay Cravens to fill the position on the planning commission recently vacated by Dick Becker. Cravens would serve remaining time on Becker's term which expires Dec. 31, 2026. The board came to a consensus to put the issue on the regular June meeting agenda.
- d) Community Recreation Plan Resolution: Meshkin explained the parks and recreation master plan and complimented Sall on her work with the parks commission. It has been recommended for approval by the parks commission. The board came to a consensus to put the issue on the regular June meeting agenda.
- e) Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance: Meshkin explained a resident's request to change the zoning of his land from C1 to Mixed Use. The planning commission has recommended the change. The board came to a consensus to put the issue on the regular June meeting agenda.

## **ARTICLE V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Howell discussed topics of the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council Policy Committee, changes on Business Loop I-196 and noted with condolences the passing of Ken DeWeerd of Fillmore Township and his role in local government.

## **ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Dietrich, second by Davis, to approve the workshop minutes of May 1, 2024. Howell called for a vote. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

## **ARTICLE III. FINANCES**

The board came to a consensus to put the bills on the regular June meeting agenda.

## **ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Start: 5:50 p.m.

Two people spoke.

Topics: Felt Estate plans, assessor's survey, contracted services.

End: 5:54 p.m.

Meshkin explained the Felt Estate plans mentioned in public comments and the lease with the state for the land where the Carriage House is.

**ARTICLE VII. NEXT WORKSHOP** – The next regular workshop is 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

## **ARTICLE VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Dietrich, second by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6 p.m. Howell called for a vote. VOICE VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**