

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
**Minutes of January 17, 2005**

Supervisor Kelterborn called the regular meeting of the Lake Township Board to order at 6:30 P.M. Present were Kelterborn, Fischer, McCallum, Hyzer and Remer along with 22 guests.

Minutes of the December 20, 2004 regular board meeting were approved upon motion by Remer, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report approved upon motion by McCallum, seconded by Remer. Motion carried. Agenda approved upon motion by Hyzer, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gage updated the board and guests on county issues, which included the county budget, the appointment of Al McTaggart to the Road Commission and that the county will not be picking up the dead deer along the roads.

Ralph Wilson of the Caseville Township Police Commission addressed the board and guests regarding use of an office in the fire hall for the Township police officers. He gave written correspondence in this regard to the Board for the record.

Following Mr. Wilson's presentation, Len Pilato, CAFPA Chairman, asked that some background information be provided to those present. Kelterborn read CAFPA minutes of December 1, 2004 into the record to provide some background information. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the time frame for temporary use, the fact that this issue was previously brought up and dropped, insurance coverage, the purpose of the joint fire authority and fire hall being for fire purposes, only, as presented to the taxpayers during the initial meetings creating the special assessment district, the fact that the fire hall is a certified emergency shelter and the space may be needed at some time for emergency purposes, why Caseville Township has not researched other options for housing their police department, and that the fire board has not considered the opinions of fire department personnel in this regard. Several guests present voiced their concerns, including, in part, Larry Crews, Al and Vi Renius, Russ and Jeannie Williams, Gerry Geppert and Nora Jacoby. After two hours of discussion, it was recommended that Caseville Township be made aware of the concerns raised by those present and if they wished to continue with their plans to use the fire hall for their police department, public hearings may need to be scheduled for taxpayer input.

Discussion on Hume Township Water Committee Meeting. Rose Ann Remer and Lou Colletta attended a meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> in Port Austin at which time Wade Trim presented preliminary plans on a water line extending from Port Austin through Hume Township to Lake Township. No definitive costs were given.

Kelterborn informed the Board that Jerry Schweitzer, Building Inspector, is currently looking for a new position in other areas. He recommended that the Township place an ad for a building inspector in the local paper so the Township has some applications on file. Motion by Remer to place an ad, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Discussion on Election Consolidation. McCallum explained to the Board and guests the school election changes. Resolution 2005-01 for School Election Administration for Caseville Public School was offered by Fischer and supported by Remer. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Budget Workshop scheduled for February 17, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. at the Township Hall.

**New Business:**

Discussion on old computer. Motion by Remer to sell the old computer to Fischer for \$75.00, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

Quarterly budget review. Motion by Kelterborn to transfer \$800.00 to Legal Services and \$400.00 to Zoning Board of Appeals Salary from Contingency and \$1,200 from Capital Improvement Fund Balance to Capital Improvement Fund – Office Equipment, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Discussion on Port Austin water line. Motion by Fischer to put a survey in this regard on the website and in the spring newsletter, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

2005 road program discussed. Asphalt resurfacing for Van Road will cost approximately 19,000 and Quarry Road approximately 11,000. Neither road has been redone since 1986. Motion by Hyzer to proceed with those two roads, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Kelterborn recommended Tim Lalley be appointed to fill the Planning Commission vacancy due to Ron Grote's resignation. Motion by McCallum to support recommendation, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Revised audit proposal by Berthiaume & Company discussed. Motion by Fischer to contract with Berthiaume & Company for 2004-05 fiscal year audit, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

Motion by Remer to pay bills, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Motion by Hyzer to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township Board meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2005.

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Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor