

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
Minutes of October 17, 2005

Supervisor Kelterborn called the regular meeting of the Lake Township Board to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Kelterborn, Fischer, McCallum, Hyzer and Remer along with 23 guests.

Supervisor Kelterborn suspended the regular order of business in order to address concerns of those in attendance.

Commissioner Gage first updated those present on county issues. The floor was then turned over to Undersheriff Tyler Ramsey and Sergeant Dave Drossos who were present to answer questions relating to the October 2, 2005 accident wherein Mrs. Ursula Nitzko was struck and fatally injured by a golf cart.

Mr. Nitzko asked why the State Police do not have any records of complaints on golf cart usage. There were also comments that citizen calls to the Sheriff's Department or 911 in regards to golf cart usage were not responded to. Undersheriff Ramsey explained how Lake Township is serviced by the Huron County Sheriff Department, Michigan State Police and DNR Conservation Officers. He stated that 911 calls are handled by the closest car from either of these enforcement agencies and also that 911 calls are recorded and retained for a certain length of time. Commissioner Gage stated that all calls are prioritized but should be responded to. Sergeant Drossos stated that memos have gone out quite often regarding ORV usage. A question was asked as to the number of tickets issued to minors on ORV's. Ramsey stated that 1110 complaint reports were written in the last three years in Lake Township but that would include accidents and B & E's. Sergeant Drossos stated that the Court Clerk can possibly determine the number of citations issued. He also stated that it is up to the individual officer's discretion on how a complaint is handled; some officers write more citations than another. Often times they will take the ORV and child home. He also stated that being seen is important and if a resident wants to get involved, can identify the individual and is willing to sign a citation, the Sheriff's Department will issue a citation. Ramsey stated that within the last ten years there has been a distinct proliferation of this problem with children as young as five and six riding these vehicles. Drossos stated that they receive numerous four-wheeler complaints but not complaints about golf carts. Bob Scott stated that according to the State Police, a golf cart is not an ORV. Sergeant Drossos said he would consider it an ORV but will look into that further.

Ramsey and Drossos were questioned as to the amount of time their officers spend patrolling Lake Township. Jack Breznau stated he's never seen a patrol car off M-25 in residential neighborhoods. Questions were raised regarding a millage for law enforcement and what that would cost. Ramsey stated 40 hours would cost approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year. Kelterborn stated that approximately ten years ago Lake Township voters turned down a millage for police protection. Gerry Simmons stated that the township should consider hiring an officer inasmuch as the Sheriff's Department doesn't have the staff to adequately handle Lake Township. Questions were asked regarding an Ordinance

and how it would be enforced, whether this is only a problem in Lake Township, and what residents can do. A neighborhood watch program was suggested by Ramsey as a possible method of assisting enforcement agencies.

Drossos reiterated that they will issue a citation if a citizen can identify the individual violator and is willing to sign a complaint. Tyler Ramsey stated that ORV usage is also a problem in other areas of the County.

Kelterborn stated that further discussion on ORV's and golf carts will be put on the agenda for November's board meeting. (8:55 brief recess in meeting. Several guests left.)

Minutes of the September 19, 2005 board meeting were approved upon motion by Remer, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report approved upon motion by Hyzer, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried. Agenda approved upon motion by Hyzer, seconded by Remer. Motion carried. Correspondence read. No petitions.

**New Business:**

Discussion on certifying building inspector to do home inspections. Kelterborn recommends supporting education for the building inspector and offering this service to residents or prospective residents. Remer suggested holding off for a while. Motion by Remer to discuss at a later date, seconded by Kelterborn. Motion carried.

Discussion on cost share of road side ditch cleaning. Motion by Kelterborn to table until the next meeting and Kelterborn and Hyzer to check with other townships, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Review of property insurance renewal. Motion by Fischer to accept renewal amounts, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

Discussion on site plan review fee. Motion by Kelterborn to require \$2,500 as an initial deposit with additional costs to be paid by applicant, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Quarterly budget review. Motion by Remer to transfer funds from Contingency as follows:

- \$600.00 to Huron Gas
- \$100.00 to Computer Support
- \$500.00 to Computer Software Purchases
- \$100.00 to Dues
- \$150.00 to Zoning Board of Appeal Expenses: Supplies/Education

Motion seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Discussion on reimbursement to Dave King for mileage to transfer station the week of September 5, 2005 for compactor switch out. Motion by Fischer to approve reimbursement, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer to pay Dave King \$100.00 for lawn mowing at Transfer Station, seconded by Kelterborn. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer to pay Dave King \$20.00 per push for snowplowing at the Transfer Station, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelterborn to reimburse Dave King for Transfer Station gate parts, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

ORV use tabled until next meeting upon motion by Kelterborn, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Kelterborn updated the Board on legal opinion regarding fire hall use.

Discussion on payment to Bob Bensinger for Zoning Appeal of September 21, 2005. Motion by Hyzer to not pay Bensinger. No second. Motion by Kelterborn to approve payment to Bensinger, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried. Nays by Fischer and Hyzer.

Motion by Hyzer to reappoint Willard Cregeur to Zoning Board of Appeals for additional term, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Review of Bulletin Board proposals by Future Craft. Motion by Fischer to accept proposal No. 2, seconded by Remer. Further discussion on the three proposals. Call made to Mark for clarification. Fischer rescinded her motion, Remer rescinded her second of said motion. Motion by Kelterborn to table until next meeting, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelterborn to table discussion on gypsy moth scouting until next month, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Motion by Remer to pay bills, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer to adjourn, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township Board meeting held on the 21st day of November, 2005.

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Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor