

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
Minutes of August 20, 2007

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 sixteen guests.

Steve Roberts of Wade Trim provided the results of the preliminary engineering study for a township sewer system, with a projected cost estimate of \$14.1 to \$16 million. Soil borings would be required to provide more specific costs. Mr. Roberts stated that based upon a review of the County Health Department's septic permits, since 2000 75% of septics are drywalls, with only 12% of those reviewed meeting the Huron County Health Department guidelines. He suggested that wells could be analyzed to determine if septics are impacting groundwater for approximately \$70.00 per well. The average homeowner would pay \$11,000 per REU (Residential Equivalent Unit) and monthly operations and maintenance costs would be approximately \$20.00 per month. Rural Development can offer grants up to 1 million. *(Mr. Roberts suspended his presentation to allow the following guests to give their presentations.)*

Ken Berthiaume of Berthiaume & Company presented the 2006-07 financial audit.

Mary Jaworski from the Port Austin Township Library discussed the option of Lake Township residents using their library. They are a full service public library and do not charge fees to anyone. Port Austin Township pays .45 mils, which is a four year millage which expires in 2008. They currently service Gore, Hume, Dwight, Huron, and Pte. Aux Barques. Hume Township gives \$750.00 per year. They have three computers with internet access and patrons can bring in their own laptop for wireless internet services. They are open 36 hours per week, including Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until 8 PM and Saturday from 10 to 2 PM. Persons with a Port Austin library card can also use the Bad Axe Library. They rent videos for \$2.00 for two days and are part of the Mel-Cat system. They have a six person elected volunteer board.

Steve Roberts continued the sewer study presentation. In conclusion, Mr. Roberts stated that there are other alternatives to a township wide sewer system, such as holding tanks rather than dry wells which would require regular pump outs or a septic maintenance ordinance program with periodic septic inspections. He stated, however, that it would be easy to install a sewer system now since there is not much infrastructure at this time to have to deal with.

**Comments:** Jim Simmons asked about the ordinance violation notice he received from the township. Kelterborn advised him that this was not an issue to be brought before the township board.

Minutes of July 16, 2007 approved upon motion by Remer, seconded by Fischer. Treasurer's Report approved upon motion by Remer, seconded by Hyzer. Agenda approved upon motion by Fischer, seconded by Remer.

No petitions.

**New Business:**

**ZBA Appointment:** Motion by Fischer to reappoint Lou Bushey to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective August 10, 2007, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

**2006-07 Audit:** Motion by Fischer to accept 2006-07 audit, as prepared, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Sewer Study.** The sewer committee will be meeting on August 29 at 2 PM.

**Payment of Bills:** Motion by Remer to pay bills, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

**Township Hall Bid Specifications** reviewed for submittal to architect or design build firms for design consultation. Motion to accept by Remer, seconded by Kelterborn. Motion carried.

Motion by McCallum to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township Board meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2007.

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Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor