

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
**Minutes of November 19, 2007**

Supervisor Kelterborn called the regular meeting of the Lake Township Board to order at 7:35 P.M. Present were Kelterborn, Fischer, McCallum, Hyzer and Remer along with 21 guests.

Supervisor Kelterborn suspended the regular order of business to allow County Commissioner Don Pascarella to speak to the board members and guests. Mr. Pascarella began by discussing the results of water and muck tests and his opinion that much of the problem comes from cities like Flint, Saginaw and Bay City dumping raw sewage and that the next time they dump raw sewage, the County Commissioners are going to file a lawsuit. He also stated that there are problems with failing septic along the Pinnebog River and shoreline and there are dye tests that have been done to check septic system function. He stated that he has visited several Huron County CAFO's and feels they are doing a good job. There was much discussion on this topic between Mr. Pascarella, the board members and guests. Comments included quality of life issues such as several days of odor when manure is being land applied, the concern that the land application of millions of gallons of manure on tiled fields will affect Lake Huron water quality, and how these concerns will affect tourism. Discussion also included funding of sewer lines along the M-25 corridor and what the county is going to do to address septic tanks in the rural areas without proper drainage field systems.

The second topic of discussion with Commissioner Don Pascarella regarded wind energy. Mr. Pascarella stated that it is necessary to follow the ordinances in place and that DTE will do their studies, make evaluations and do what is right since they want to be good environmental stewards. He further stated that in his opinion the representatives from John Deere handled their project better than DTE by coming to the Commissioners with their proposal before making any deals with local farmers. The county reviewed their plans and then the deals were made with the farmers. He stated that DTE needs to make amends with the Township. Matt Wagner of DTE stated that they approached the Township and have tried to be upfront. Discussion among Mr. Pascarella, the board members and guests, including DTE representatives Matt Wagner, Ron Kriss and Gary Bauer included ordinances and height limits, the financial benefit to the township and county and DTE's studies being done on wildlife. Mr. Pascarella stated that we do not want to make our county a dinosaur. Clerk McCallum read a prepared statement regarding packets of information distributed to board members in October on the topic of wind energy.

*(Commissioner Pascarella left the meeting at 9:55 and the regular order of business continued)*

Minutes of October 15, 2007 were 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.

Correspondence read including a letter from John and Ruth Depner regarding wind energy and a notice from the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative of a meeting to be held on December 12, in Bay City. Kelterborn asked DTE representatives the status of their efforts to install a MET tower. Matt Wagner indicated that they are still looking for an area for the tower that was denied in Lake Township, they do not want to put up a tower at 175'. They have asked Burr Fisher of USFWS to participate with their biologists on the avian study and that they are assessing the entire area, not just Lake Township. Black and Beech is the company doing the studies. Both of their biologists have worked with Burr Fisher on prior projects in southeast Michigan. Matt Wagner stated he sent information on property values to planning commission member Tim Lalley. He also stated that the Harvest Wind project should be running by next week. Kelterborn asked the Board Members whether they had read their packets on wind energy. Trustees Hyzer and Remer stated they had, Fischer did not.

No petitions or comments.

**New Business:**

**HCD Pinnebog and Pigeon River Projects:** Discussion on the Pinnebog River Watershed Implementation Project and Lake Township's participation. Motion by Remer to adopt a resolution of support (**Resolution No: 2007-22**) for a local match of \$2,500 for in-kind services, only, seconded by Hyzer. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Discussion on Pigeon River Watershed Planning Project project and Lake Township's participation. Motion by Remer to adopt a resolution of support (**Resolution No: 2007-23**) for a local match of \$1,500 for in-kind services, only, seconded by McCallum. Roll call vote: All ayes.

**Qualified Voter File:** McCallum informed the Board Members that Lake Township was chosen as a participant in a pilot program offered by the State of Michigan to receive the Qualified Voter Software free of charge to allow administration of voter registration, etcetera at the Township Clerk's office.

**Volunteer of the Year Award:** McCallum suggested that an annual Volunteer of the Year Award would be a gesture of appreciation for all the help by township residents who take the time to volunteer at the recycling center or for other programs. Residents, township staff or township board members could suggest nominees. Motion by Kelterborn, seconded by Fischer to have a Volunteer of the Year Award. Motion carried.

Dorothy Fischer read a letter requesting that Kathleen not be allowed to participate in discussion during meetings of the planning commission or zoning board of appeals when recording minutes. Kelterborn asked Paul Golsch, Vice Chairman of the ZBA, whether he had any comments on this issue. Mr. Golsch stated he never saw her put in any input at ZBA meetings. Lou Colletta, Planning Commission Chairman, said he understands and it is so noted. McCallum stated that since Kathleen works with the Zoning Administrator in the office and knows what is going on with site plans, she is sometimes asked questions related thereto for clarification.

**Old Business:**

**Sewer Study:** McCallum informed the Board members that the Township needs to pay Wade Trim in full and US Rural Development will reimburse the Township upon submittal of specific documentation.

**2008 Audit:** Berthiaume & Company submitted a proposal for the 2008 audit for \$4,000. Motion by Fischer to contract with Berthiaume & Company for the 2008 audit, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Hyzer to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk

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

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Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor