

Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan
Minutes of March 31, 2008

Supervisor Kelterborn called the regular meeting of the Lake Township Board to order at 7:05 P.M. Present were Kelterborn, Fischer, McCallum, Hyzer and Remer along with 22 guests.

Minutes of February 18, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion by Remer, seconded by Hyzer. Treasurer's Report approved upon motion by McCallum, seconded by Hyzer. Agenda approved with the addition of three letters received by Kelterborn upon motion by Fischer, seconded by Remer.

Kelterborn opened the public hearing on the proposed 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget. Kelterborn outlined the proposed revenue and expenses for the General Fund, Road Fund, Gypsy Moth Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and the Debt Service Funds including the CAFPA budget. Neil Rohner commented that he thought there was too much money in the Gypsy Moth Fund.

Kelterborn asked Len Pilato, CAFPA Board Member, to summarize the changes in the CAFPA budget. Mr. Pilato indicated that the millage was decreased from 8/10^{ths} of a mil to 7/10^{ths}. He also indicated that the cost of fuel and water is increasing costs. Mr. Pilato stated the fire department had a lot of expenses in 2007-08 since they had to replace their breathing units which are expensive pieces of equipment.

Fischer asked about liability insurance coverage when the Red Cross comes in during a disaster, stating that the CAFPA minutes indicate there is no coverage in those situations. Mr. Pilato stated he did not know about that but would find out.

Motion by Fischer to close the public hearing portion of the meeting, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

(At 7:40 P.M. the public hearing was closed)

Correspondence: Kelterborn read through the correspondence as listed on the agenda with the addition of three letters of recommendation for Consultant Richard James with whom the planning commission has contracted to give a presentation on noise and wind turbines at their April 23rd meeting. These recommendation letters were from:

Diane McConnell, Union Township, Champaign County, Ohio
Dave Vind, Arcadia, Wisconsin
Dan Hedrich, Chilton Township, Calumet County, Wisconsin

Kelterborn mentioned two issues pending in the state legislature as summarized in the MTA legislative faxes, one being a proposed income tax credit on the pop up tax and the other allowing two principal residence exemptions when trying to sell a home.

No Petitions.

New Business:

Elkton Ambulance Contract: There was no change in the annual fee for the upcoming year. Motion by McCallum to renew the contract, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried .

Health and Recreation Center: McCallum read the resolution the Health and Recreation Center Coalition was requesting the Township adopt. Kelterborn described the proposal for a County Health and Recreation Center as submitted by the Coalition. He stated that the purpose of the resolution is only to let the Coalition know how much interest there is with the concept. **Resolution 2008-02, Resolution of Support for the Health and Recreation Center, Huron County, Michigan**, offered by McCallum and supported by Fischer. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Resolution adopted.

Wind Energy Development Resolution: Kelterborn stated that the planning commission has requested a one year moratorium on wind energy development in order to have time to study the issues of concern. Hyzer stated, "don't think so". Fischer said "no". Kelterborn stated he has been talking to people in the industry and he is being told that the township needs to do careful planning. If a land use has the potential to disrupt one person's life in the community, the township should spend the time and money to do what is in the best interests of the community. He further stated that Matt Wagner of DTE has indicated it will take two years for their studies and that he also encourages the township to participate in the process.

Kelterborn opened the discussion to the floor.

Remer stated that there is a large wind facility in Arizona that has been there for years but there are few to no houses around it.

Lou Bushey stated that Caseville Township, Hume Township, Port Austin Township and Sand Beach Township have an ordinance and they didn't go through all this. He also stated that the turbines are being located on farms, not on residential properties.

Kelterborn stated that there are residential properties located in the agricultural district. He further stated that Lake Township is unique and he did talk to Shelly Stirrett at Caseville Township who indicated that the impact to their township will be very small. Caseville Township's ordinance created an overlay zone in the agricultural district and because they have very little agricultural land and also have an airport in that district, they do not have much area for wind turbines. She also stated that they did not do a lot of research, they were handed an ordinance and rubber stamped it. Kelterborn stated that Lake Township's planning commission has always been very proactive and actively interested in the community and takes the time to do careful, thoughtful planning. He stated that everyone may not always agree with their decisions but should respect their thought and work.

Leon Kretschmer asked about the revenue aspect. He stated the township should look at revenue.

Kelterborn indicated that he has talked with the State Tax Commission about this issue and that a facility will generate some revenue for the first several years but will rapidly depreciate. Kelterborn stated that if revenue is the sole objective of the township, they should do away with all the services offered and only retain an assessing department. Kelterborn further stated that we do not know how much revenue a facility would bring in our community.

Kelly Smith asked whether there would be a recommendation one year from today. Mark Krebs asked whether the moratorium could be shortened.

Kelterborn stated that the planning commission went on the basis of a recommendation by the township attorney and hopefully would be able to have an ordinance drafted within that year.

Nel Jacniacki stated that the contracts last a certain length of time and to jump the gun on wind turbines without due deliberation would be a mistake. She asked whether we are willing to limit our future growth and impact future land uses by taking one dollar now and passing up two dollars in the future. She stated that it gives her confidence that whatever is decided is in our best interests and not someone on the board who has a financial interest.

Lou Bushey stated that 90% of the township's farmland is in PA116 and can't be used for building homes. Kelterborn stated that there is no issue with PA116 and wind farms. Bushey stated that farmers cannot sell off one

acre for a house. Kelterborn stated that a lot of land comes out of PA116 every year.

Bob Siver stated that he appreciates the township approaching this issue with caution.

Resolution 2008-03, Resolution for Moratorium on Wind Energy Applications, was offered by Remer and supported by McCallum. Roll call vote: 3 ayes, 2 nays. Resolution adopted.

Pest Control Spray Bid: Fischer asked whether the spraying will also kill the hornets. Motion by Remer to accept the bid if it will also take care of the hornets, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried.

Resolution 2008-04, Lake Township Millage Levy, offered by McCallum and supported by Fischer. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Resolution 2008-05, CAFPA Millage Levy, offered by Remer and supported by Fischer. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Resolution 2008-06, Planning Commission 2008-09 Meeting Schedule, offered by Fischer, supported by Remer. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Lawn Maintenance Contract: No change from last year. Motion by Remer to approve contract, seconded by Kelterborn. Motion carried. All ayes.

Road Brining Contract: Hyzer says Wilkinson applies too much on his road. Fischer suggested requesting they put less in front of Hyzer's house. Motion by McCallum, seconded by Fischer to contract with Wilkinson and to pay in advance to receive the pre-pay discount. Motion carried. All ayes.

Site Plan and Building Permit Fees: Motion by Hyzer for no increases, seconded by Fischer. Discussion on suggested increases. Kelterborn expressed concern that the township's fees are not keeping up with costs. Remer suggested we revisit this topic later in the year. Motion carried. All ayes.

2008-09 Budget Adoption: Resolution 2008-07, General Appropriations Act, offered by Remer and supported by McCallum. Roll call vote: 3 ayes, 2 nays. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-08, Township Supervisor's Salary, offered by Fischer and supported by Remer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-09, Township Treasurer's Salary, offered by Remer and supported by McCallum. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-10, Township Clerk's Salary, offered by Fischer and supported by Remer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-11, Township Trustees' Salaries, offered by Fischer and supported by Kelterborn. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-12, Township Auditor, offered by Fischer and supported by Remer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-13, Township Attorney, offered by Remer and supported by McCallum. Roll call vote: 3 ayes, 2 nays. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-14, Township Depository, offered by Fischer and supported by Kelterborn. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-15, Township Publication Media, offered by McCallum and supported by Fischer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-16, Tax Collection Administration Fee, offered by Fischer and supported by Hyzer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2008-17, Township Board 2008-09 Meeting Schedule, offered by Fischer and supported by McCallum. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Old Business:

Resolution 2008-18, Resolution Extending Moratorium on Accessory Structures, offered by Fischer and supported by Remer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2007-08 Budget Amendments: After reviewing the 2007-08 budget, the following amendments were recommended upon motion by Fischer and seconded by Remer.

Transfer \$615.00 from Contingency Fund to Township Hall Maintenance
Transfer \$610.00 from Contingency Fund to ZBA Salary

Transfer \$3,200 from Contingency Fund to Drain At Large
Transfer \$2,715 from General Fund to Compactor Rental
Transfer \$230.00 from Contingency Fund to Recycling
Transfer \$11,800 from General Fund to Public Health

Motion carried.

Comments: Tim Lalley stated that the recycling program needs more volunteers, it is the same people volunteering and whatever amount of time people can help, it would be appreciated.

Lou Bushey asked why recycling is on Sundays, only. McCallum indicated that the recycling is scheduled when the Transfer Station is open. Kelterborn stated that if the township residents want the Transfer Station open on Saturdays throughout the year, then the recycling could possibly be done on Saturdays if there were volunteers.

Fischer asked Kelterborn if he paid Salens for the letter sent to Bill Renn. Kelterborn stated he did.

Neil Rohner asked whether there was any new information on the beach muck. He mentioned the news article on making biodiesel with algae and wondered if they could use the muck. Kelterborn stated there is much more awareness now at the state level, the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative has been created and testing is being done.

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

Motion by Fischer to adjourn, seconded by Remer. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township Board meeting held on the ____ day of April, 2008.

Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor