

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
September 22, 2008

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 47 guests.

Ken Berthiaume, CPA and Township Auditor, presented the 2007-08 year-end audit. He stated that the Township is in good shape in terms of the fund balances and in budget management. He advised using additional banking institutions for township funds since individual FDIC insured banks only insure the first \$100,000 per checking and savings. Currently only \$141,000 of township funds are insured. He recommended asking each bank for their S & P rating.

Minutes of the August 18, 2008 regular meeting approved with an amendment to Fischer's motion on mileage to include the date, location and miles upon motion by Hyzer, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Remer abstained.

Treasurer's Report for August approved upon motion by McCallum, seconded by Hyzer. September report tabled until next month.

Agenda. Fischer wanted agenda amended to include Gerry Simmons. Kelterborn asked Simmons the reason she wished to be on the agenda. Mrs. Simmons stated she had questions regarding mileage, a board member's reason for abstaining, a board member voting on a motion that concerns himself and Bob Siver's letter regarding the sewer petition. Kelterborn stated that the letter from Bob Siver has nothing to do with the township and that campaign issues are not germane to township business. Mrs. Simmons asked whether Kelterborn had knowledge of Mr. Siver's letter. Kelterborn said he knew Mr. Siver was sending a letter due to a FOIA request received by the Township. Motion by Remer to accept the agenda, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Correspondence read. No Petitions.

### **New Business:**

**Audit.** Motion by Remer to accept the audit as presented, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried.

**Griggs Road:** Some of the affected property owners had asked Kelterborn about cost share for lawn enclosures. Kelterborn spoke to the Road Commission Superintendent about a cost share and he stated it is up to the Township Board as to how they handle these issues. Kelterborn suggested a 25% cost share. Motion by McCallum to offer a 25% cost share for lawn enclosures for the reason it will prevent the removal of some trees that will be necessary without lawn enclosures, seconded by Kelterborn. Remer, Hyzer and Fischer opposed. Motion failed. Motion by Hyzer to proceed with preparation for black topping of Griggs Road, seconded by Fischer. McCallum opposed. Motion carried.

(8:05) Kelly Hanson, Candidate for Huron County Sheriff introduced himself to the Board and guests. Kelterborn asked about ORV enforcement and extra patrol in Lake Township. Hanson indicated that if there are problems up here, that's where the patrol needs to be. Jeanne Henry commented that people have given up calling the Sheriff's Department due to lack of response over the past decades.

**Waste Management Contract.** The current contract with Waste Management expired. The proposed new contract is for 36 months at the same rate currently being charged. Motion by Hyzer to approve, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

**Haz-Mat Ordinance.** A meeting has been scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Fire Hall regarding this topic. Russ Mangiapane stated that a County Ordinance may be adopted and mentioned that such an ordinance is necessary due to the high costs of clean up when hazardous materials are involved. He suggested that farmers should check their insurance to see if they have coverage for spills of hazardous materials and mentioned that when it comes to the charges for clean up, someone will have to pay and it could end up being the Township if no one else pays the bill.

**FEMA Ordinance.** McCallum read through the proposed Ordinance amendment required to be adopted since Lake Township participates in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. Board members were provided copies in their packets.

**Public Comments.**

Tim Lalley asked for recycling volunteers. He mentioned that at the September recycling they had one person sign up to help. He stressed that new volunteers are needed since it is the same volunteers every month.

Gerry Geppert asked whether it is legal for horses to ride on the beach. Kelterborn will check with the DNR.

Bob Siver mentioned that he was appointed to the Septic Committee as a volunteer and is not a township official. By volunteering to work on a township committee he did not abrogate his First Amendment rights.

Bob Siver asked about the large amount of township funds not insured based upon the audit report. Kelterborn stated that the Treasurer is the Township Investment Administrator. Fischer would like to move \$109,000 from Independent Bank to Thumb National. Motion by Kelterborn allowing Treasurer to transfer funds from Independent Bank to Bay Port State Bank and Thumb National Bank, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Vi Renius asked Fischer about the Township's tax records at her home and what would happen if she had a fire. Fischer stated that there are tax rolls at the Township Hall.

Colletta asked about the rules for a Board member abstaining, whether it has to be for a conflict of interest. Kelterborn will check with the MTA.

Neil Rohner asked about the purpose of the motion for the audit. Kelterborn responded that it is just to approve the audit as presented.

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

Motion by Hyzer to adjourn, seconded by Remer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township Board meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2008.

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Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor