

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
November 16, 2009

Regular meeting of the Lake Township Board called to order at 7:30 P.M

Smith, Fischer, McCallum, Hyzer and Hartsell present along with approximately 25 guests. Pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes of October 19, 2009 Regular Meeting:** Motion by Fischer to accept the minutes of October 19, 2009, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Hartsell to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Smith requested the addition of the appointment of Rich Ehrlich to the ZBA and Deb McBride to the Planning Commission. McCallum had two items of correspondence to add, a Notice of Hearing from the Michigan Public Service Commission for December 3, 2009 at 9 AM on behalf of Detroit Edison and a Notice of Public Hearing from the Huron County Planning Commission on December 2, 2009 at 7 PM for a zoning ordinance amendment. **Agenda approved with additions upon motion by Fischer, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.**

Sheriff Hanson addressed the Board and guests. His department had 160 complaints in Lake Township since January 1, 2009.

**Correspondence read:** No petitions.

### **Old Business:**

**Snowplowing Bids:** McCallum opened the following bids:

Brandon Licht - \$1,500 for the year  
Konke Construction & Snowplowing - \$35.00/plow – Township Hall  
\$45.00/plow – Transfer Station  
Fritz Snowplowing - \$30.00/plow – Township Hall  
\$40.00/plow – Transfer Station

**Motion by McCallum to go with Fritz Snowplowing, seconded by Hartsell.** Roll call vote: Smith and Fischer – nay. Hartsell, McCallum and Hyzer – yes. Motion carried.

**Gypsy Moth.** Letter from John Weis recommending no spraying for the upcoming year based upon scouting was read under correspondence. **Motion by Fischer not to spray, seconded by Smith.** Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Recycling Program:** Under correspondence McCallum reviewed the contract from Tuscola County Recycling for 2010 and the proposal from Diva Disposal for recycling services. Diva offered to continue the recycling program using their equipment and manpower for \$155.00/month which is a \$5.00 savings per month over the current program which requires volunteers. The second year of the proposed contract has an increase of \$10.00/month. **Motion by Smith to table further discussion until December meeting, seconded by Fischer.** Motion carried.

**Budget Amendment:**

**Motion by Smith to transfer \$4,800 from Township Repairs in the Capital Improvement Fund to Blight/Demolition in the General Fund, seconded by Hartsell.** Motion carried.

**Insurance Renewal:** McCallum reviewed the property insurance renewal with the Board members.

**Newsletter:** Smith requested items from the Clerk for the winter newsletter. McCallum indicated her items would be forthcoming.

**Website:** Smith stated that Lou Colletta owns the township's website. McCallum indicated that the township has a contract with Colletta. **Motion by Smith for approval to check on the possibility of maintaining the website at the township hall with a vender, a site the township will own, seconded by Fischer.** Motion carried. McCallum read a letter sent to Colletta from Walt Salens regarding a disclaimer on the website. Smith indicated he had a disclaimer and will provide it to Colletta

**ZBA/Planning Commission Appointments:**

**Motion by Smith to appoint Rich Ehrlich to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Hartsell.** Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Smith to appoint Deb McBride to the Planning Commission, seconded by Fischer.** McCallum asked Smith whether he had interviewed any of the other candidates who had applied for the position, specifically Mary Wojtysiak. Smith stated he only interviewed Jeff Krohn. McCallum also questioned why McBride's name was already listed in the newsletter as of Friday, November 13, 2009 prior to even being appointed by the board. Smith indicated it was a draft. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes – McCallum Nay. Motion carried.

**Correction: Add the following under Website:**  
"Smith asked Colletta if he would put a disclaimer on the website and Colletta said he would not."

**Public Comments:**

Lou Colletta objected to the appointment of Deb McBride stating that it contradicts Hartsell's ethics. Tim Lalley was removed from the Planning Commission for slander and McBride also slandered a Board member.

Russ Mangiapane inquired about the website and a contract. McCallum stated that the township had a contract with Colletta for the website.

Lalley read Lou Colletta's resignation letter as the Township's webmaster as of December 31, 2009.

**Payment of Bills:**

**Motion by Hartsell to pay bills, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Hyzer to adjourn, seconded by Hartsell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.**

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk