

Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan
October 18, 2010

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call. Smith, Fischer, McCallum and Hartsell present along with approximately 24 guests. Hyzer absent.

Motion by Smith to approve the Agenda with the addition of Forest Williams from the City of Caseville to speak as a guest speaker, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

(7:32) Forest Williams addressed the Board on the incorporation of the Village of Caseville as a City and the issue of fire services. Williams indicated that the city did budget for the current millage of 6/10ths of a mil applicable to the taxable value of the city in their budget and asked that a determination be made in how they will be included in the fire association. (7:35)

Minutes of September 20, 2010 approved upon motion by Fischer, seconded by Hartsell. Motion carried.

Report's from Board Officers: Smith stated he attended a class in Frankenmuth in which there was a discussion on moratoriums and a six month moratorium doesn't mean too much unless the township has something ready at the end of the six months.

Treasurer's Report was approved upon motion by Smith, seconded by Hartsell. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: McCallum advised that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 2 election will be held on October 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and that 196 absentee ballots have been issued to date.

Correspondence: Smith read correspondence. No petitions.

Old Business:

CAFPA:

Smith stated that he met with Len Pilato and Russ Mangiapane, Lake Township CAFPA representatives, who are concerned that the CAFPA Board votes are all going 3/2 and they are concerned about Lake Township being pushed out. McCallum asked Smith whether he had contacted Attorney John McQuillan from Bay City. Smith had not. Motion by Hartsell for Smith to contact John McQuillan for legal advise on CAFPA matters, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Gypsy Moth:

McCallum asked whether the township had scouting volunteers. Motion by Hartsell to contact John Weiss for scouting purposes, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Smith stated that the City of Caseville also wants to be included in the gypsy moth spray program. Motion by Smith to include the City of Caseville as part of our gypsy moth inspections and spraying, with the costs divided according to the miles sprayed, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

New Business:

2nd Quarter Budget Review:

Motion by Fischer to accept the 2nd quarter report, seconded by Hartsell. Motion carried.

Election Workers:

Smith read from the recent issue of the MTA magazine regarding township provided meals and a memo from McCallum regarding the Lake Township auditor's opinion on election meals. Motion by Fischer not to pay for any election meals, seconded by Smith. Roll call vote: Hartsell, Smith, Fischer – aye. McCallum – nay.

ZBA/Planning Commission Compensation:

Motion by Smith to adopt a new policy on education pay for planning commissioners and ZBA members requesting that they be paid their normal per diem rate rather than ½ per diem rate retroactive to April 1st with mileage paid from the township hall, seconded by Fischer. Roll call vote: Hartsell & McCallum – nay. Smith & Fischer – aye. Motion failed.

Huron Conservation District Watershed Project:

Motion by Smith to accept sponsorship of the Pigeon River Watershed Project and send a letter of intent pledging in-kind services of two people and to pay mileage and added that the township will not be responsible for the \$20.25 suggested hourly rate, but only for mileage, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. McCallum opposed.

Pipe Replacement – Grassmere Road:

Motion by Fischer to share the expense with Hume Township to replace two tubes on Grassmere Road, seconded by Hartsell. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Snowplowing Bids:

Motion by Hartsell to advertise for bids for this winter's snowplowing to be opened at the November meeting, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Advertisement to be same as last year.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Fischer to pay bills as presented including the Wal-Mart bill when it comes due, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Lou questioned why the bills were paid before public comment was allowed and asked what the environmental charge was under Waste Management. McCallum explained it was a dumping fee.

Jim Simmons asked why the Clerk does not recite the pledge of allegiance with everyone else. ~~McCallum responded that there is no liberty and justice for all in Lake Township since the rights of the residents have been taken away by this board and refuses to be part of this hypocrisy.~~

Motion by Hartsell to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Valerie J. McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township meeting held on November 15, 2010.

Robert T. Smith, Supervisor

Amended by Board Motion on 11.15.10 as follows:
I think it is hypocritical here with this board. There is no liberty and justice for all, they've taken away the rights of all the people sitting here with the decisions they have made here, so I will not participate in hypocrisy.