

Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan
February 21, 2011

Regular meeting of the Lake Township Board called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call. Osborne, Fischer, Smith, Hartsell and McCallum present.

Motion by Smith to approve the Agenda with the addition of correspondence from Lou Colletta, letter from the Port Austin Township Library with renewal agreement, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding the Oak Beach Sports Bar Liquor License extension, letter from Huron County Road Commission regarding March 25th annual township meeting and memo from Secretary Lisa Konke regarding purchase of a scanner, **seconded by Osborne**. Motion carried – all ayes.

Minutes of January 17, 2011: Smith stated that McCallum has blamed the Township Board for not allowing the residents to speak. Smith stated it is not the fault of the Board but McCallum and Colletta for bringing in all the garbage. He stated that it is against the Board's policy to put all the comments in the minutes and asked the Board members what they thought.

Fischer stated that the comments should only have the person's name and the topic of their comment, that the comments are to be in brief, not everything they said

Osborne stated that the striking of some comments from the December minutes has bothered him, he does not like striking things from the minutes, but feels McCallum editorializes, for example when she gave her reason for voting in opposition. He stated there is no spirit of cooperation on McCallum's part and it is reflecting a lack of respect.

McCallum stated she summarizes the comments as much as possible, otherwise the comment portion would be many more pages and when she voted in opposition she gave her reason at the meeting as to why and that is what was included in the minutes. McCallum stated that if she was not on this board and was sitting with the public, she would be very angry with this board and does not have a lot of respect for fellow board members.

Report's from Board Officers:

Supervisor: He stated he met with the Huron County Prosecutor regarding the striking of comments from the December minutes and discussed the Board's policy regarding minutes and the fact that comments should only be a summarization. The Prosecutor stated the Clerk is in violation of the board's policy but the only recourse is a recall.

Smith also met with Corporate Counsel Steve Allen regarding the township's FOIA policy and fees. Smith stated that ten or fifteen cents per page is a reasonable charge, that five cents is ridiculous. Mr. Allen advised him that as supervisor he is the chief FOIA officer. Smith stated that he does not need the board's approval but would like the board to approve of him as the FOIA Coordinator and that fees should be ten or fifteen cents per page. McCallum advised the Board that according to the MTA, townships cannot charge more than it costs to produce a copy.

Motion by Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hartsell.
Motion carried - all ayes.

Treasurer: Fischer stated that \$8.11 was the correct amount for December interest. **Motion by Hartsell to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Smith.** Motion carried - all ayes.

Clerk: Additional bills for payment presented which included invoice from Attorney John McQuillan for \$700.00; Detroit Edison for \$28.69; International Code Council for \$368.00 and PowerNet Global for \$13.60 and McCallum informed the board that check No. 9658 for 30.14 on their list of bills should have been voided out.

Trustees: Nothing.

Correspondence read. No Petitions.

Old Business:

CAFPA:

Board members had two contract proposals in their board packets, one signed by the CAFPA Board and a second one prepared by the City of Caseville. CAFPA Representative Pilato explained that the City is concerned about getting an agreement in place by April 1 for insurance status purposes. He stated that because the Village is now a City, the by-laws are voided. The Village had a representative on the CAFPA Board and Caseville Township now says the City is not part of the system anymore. The village had paid a lot of money into the association. Hartsell commented that the fire building is within the City. McCallum asked whether the CAFPA Board has reviewed the City's revised contract proposal. Pilato stated they had not, but would contact Jerry Platko about the matter.

Post Office Box:

Discussion on Clerk's post office box and the forwarding of mail which has resulted in some of the Treasurer's mail being received late. McCallum advised the Board that the forwarding order expires on February 24th and from that point forward mail will be delivered to the post office box to which it is addressed. McCallum indicated that she does not want mail going to her home mailbox. No action taken.

FOIA Policy:

Motion by Smith to become the FOIA Coordinator, seconded by Osborne. Smith requested a roll call vote: Osborne, Fischer, Smith, Hartsell – aye. McCallum opposed.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments:

Smith stated that Lou Colletta has requested the Township Board hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinances. Motion by Smith to hold a public hearing on March 14th. McCallum recommended waiting until a Saturday in May when more people are back in the area. Smith's motion failed for lack of a second. **Motion by Osborne to hold a public hearing on Saturday, April 9th at 12 Noon. Motion seconded by Smith.** Roll call vote: Hartsell, Smith, Fischer, Osborne – aye. McCallum opposed for the reason that it should be in May.

New Business:

Road Brining:

Motion by McCallum to continue with Wilkinson, seconded by Osborne. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Griggs/Conkey Road:

Smith reminded board members of the March 25th annual meeting with the Road Commission. He further advised the board that the price of asphalt has decreased and that the township should have enough funds to do Dufty to Griggs and Griggs. The Road Commission is planning on resurfacing Sand Road in Caseville Township and from Gagetown Road to Sand/Conkey Road in Lake Township and has recommended that Lake Township hold off on asphalt on Conkey until that road is resurfaced. **Motion by Smith to approve removal of the top layer of asphalt from Gagetown to Sand/Conkey Roads at a cost of \$2,000, seconded by Hartsell.** Roll call vote: All ayes.

Scanner:

Lisa Konke is requesting the purchase of a scanner for documents. Two proposals were provided. **Motion by Hartsell to purchase scanner through M-3, seconded by Smith.** Motion carried - all ayes.

Port Austin Township Library:

McCallum read the agreement being requested between the Library and Lake Township which will continue the allocation of any Lake Township penal fines to be paid to the Port Austin Library. **Motion by Smith to support the agreement, seconded by Fischer.** Roll call vote: All ayes.

Furnace Proposals: Smith read three bids received as follows:

Pro-Temp Heating & Cooling, Cass City for \$2,010 including permit
B & D Heating & Cooling, Bad Axe for \$1,800 + cost of permits
Caseville Plumbing & Heating, Caseville for \$2,525 including permit

Motion by Fischer to accept bid from Pro-Temp, seconded by Osborne.
Roll call vote: Hartsell, Smith, Fischer, Osborne – aye. McCallum opposed.

Discussion on installation of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. **Motion by Osborne, seconded by Hartsell.** Motion carried – all ayes.

Lake Township Planning Commission Schedule:

Motion by Smith to accept the schedule as presented by the Lake Township Planning Commission with one additional meeting to be held in November, seconded by Hartsell. Motion carried – all ayes.

2011-2012 Budget Preparation:

The board reviewed the current budget and made changes from the 2010-2011 budget for the 2011-2012 budget as follows:

General Fund Revenues: Projected taxable value was not yet available yet revenue decreases are projected.

General Operating Tax Revenues decreased from \$86,000 to \$80,000
Administration Fees decreased from \$32,000 to \$20,000
Revenue Sharing decreased from \$55,000 to \$50,000
Interest Income decreased from \$4,000 to \$1,800

McCallum advised the Board that since Deputy Clerk Bolton will be resigning this year, she will be requesting additional funds for Deputy Clerk salary and education to allow for training and education, if necessary.

General Fund Expenses changed as follows:

Supervisor Education increased from \$750 to \$850
Deputy Supervisor Education increased to from \$250 to \$400
Deputy Clerk Salary increased to from \$2,400 to \$2,800
Deputy Clerk Education increased from \$100 to \$500
Detroit Edison increased from \$700 to \$1,000
Telephone increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800
Accounting increased from \$4,200 to \$4,400
Transfer Station Recycling increased from \$2,000 to \$2,200
Blight/Demolition and Public Safety both at \$1,000
Payroll Taxes increased from \$3,500 to \$4,000 due to changes in Social Security

Gypsy Moth Fund:

\$5,000 allocated to Gypsy Moth Tax from Extra Voted millage for 2011

Gypsy Moth Spraying increased to \$35,000
Printing/Administration to \$4,000

Township Road Fund:

Road Maintenance expenses increased from \$200,000 to \$220,000

Capital Improvement Fund:

Office Equipment decreased from \$5,500 to \$5,000

No other changes were proposed from the 2010-2011 budget to the 2011-2012 proposed budget. Motion by McCallum that the proposed budget be prepared by Smith prior to March 14th. Motion failed, no second. Osborne stated a motion was not necessary.

Planning Commission/ZBA Education Requirements:

McCallum indicated that the Township has a policy requiring ZBA members to attend training at least one time every two years and there is no policy for the planning commission. At a recent training held in Caseville only one planning commission member from Lake Township attended, yet all members other than Hartsell are new at this work. Smith will check with the MTA on what they recommend for education.

Payment of Bills:

Smith stated he wants a check for \$1,000 for the furnace. **Motion by Hartsell to pay bills including \$1,000 to Pro-Temp, seconded by Smith.** Motion carried - all ayes.

Public Comments:

Jeanne Henry thanked Lou Colletta for requesting an additional public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinances and thanked the board for holding it on April 9th rather than in March when the weather may be more predictable. She indicated she had mentioned it at the December meeting that not enough people were aware of these proposed amendments and it was struck from the minutes. She stated that the minutes accurately reflected what she had said with one correction regarding the election and her appreciation of the job done by the election workers and the Clerk. She indicated, as a canvasser, that she saw the good, bad and ugly and Lake Township looked very good and we did ourselves proud.

Dave Szumlinski stated that the planning commission held a public meeting and Lou Colletta didn't bother to attend. He stated that the only reason for his request is a delay tactic. He agrees that everybody cannot make every meeting but the minutes are on the website if they want to know what goes on. Extra meetings cost the township and it is a waste.

Len Pilato asked about the Port Austin Library and what happened with the Pigeon Library. McCallum explained that the Pigeon Library had served Lake

Township residents for many years and then had asked for increased funding to equalize how the library was funded between the townships paying a millage and those like Caseville Township and Lake Township. A millage proposal for 2/10's of a mil resulted in a tie vote. A second vote for 1/10 of a mil failed. Caseville Township voters approved a ten dollar assessment on their tax bills.

Walt Kloc stated he would request serious consideration and discussion be given to the inputs of the property owners and residents, otherwise public hearings are a waste of time.

Motion by Smith to adjourn.

William Osborne stated he liked what Jeanne Henry and Walk Kloc said and indicated that the public comment time is tough, Dave Szumlinski was interrupted by three people. He stated he watches people sit and pick at people and suggested that everyone needs to police themselves and asked that everyone abide by that and maybe there will be some major changes.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Hartsell. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Valerie J. McCallum, Clerk