

Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan
September 19, 2011

This meeting of the Lake Township Board called to order at 7:30 P.M. Pledge of allegiance. Roll call. Osborne, Fischer, Smith, Hartsell and McCallum present.

Meeting Agenda: Smith requested the addition of the February 28, 2012 election, Huron County Road Commission Invoice, Tax Exemption Certificate for Road Commission; and McBride Land Division. McCallum requested the addition of the 2nd quarter budget report. **Motion by Smith to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Hartsell. Motion carried.**

Minutes of August 15, 2011 Regular Meeting: **Motion by Osborne to not approve the minutes for the reason that there were too many comments and opinions included and it does not comply with the Township Board Policy, seconded by Fischer.** McCallum commented that generally if there are corrections to be made, those corrections are indicated and the minutes are approved with corrections. To not approve the minutes does not change the fact that they will be on file as the official minutes. Osborne stated that he just wants it on the record that the minutes bear little resemblance to what actually occurred. **Smith requested a roll call vote: Osborne, Fischer, Smith, Hartsell – ayes. McCallum – nay.**

Reports from Board Officers:

Supervisor: None.

Treasurer: Report filed.

Clerk: Lake Township received a laptop for election administration purposes funded through HAVA grants. All election jurisdictions in Huron County now have laptops and will use electronic poll books in the 2012 elections. McCallum advised the Board that she never received the March Board of Review minutes for filing but after the August Board meeting they were placed in the files and the Board just received copies of the July Board of Review minutes in their packets and questioned why the Board of Review in their July minutes decreased a 2011 assessment on a property due to a fire when the fire occurred on February 8, 2011. Board of Review Chairman Lou Bushey indicated that that is what the Board decided to do. McCallum also had questions regarding the tax refund reimbursement to the Huron County Treasurer and whether CAFPA was going to pay their portion and what the SET LAF monies were. Fischer stated that she has billed CAFPA and we will be reimbursed and LAF is for the SET and Winter Tax Administration fees.

Trustees: No report.

Correspondence: Resignation letter of Deb McBride from the Planning Commission read. Smith asked for a motion to accept her resignation. **Motion by Hartsell to accept the resignation of Deb McBride, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried – all ayes.**

McCallum read letters from Clay Kelterborn and Bill Williams. Hartsell read email from Tom Pierce.

Osborne wanted to comment on Kelterborn's letter. He went through the minutes referenced and stated that there seemed to be many delaying tactics and the proposed amendments for larger accessory structures were still 528 square feet less than what Murdoch had requested and it was another way to stop him. McCallum commented that an ordinance is not amended to suit one person, but the planning commission realized that larger lots could accommodate larger and more accessory structures and was working on drafting the amendment which was then dropped by the Township Board. If the Board was not happy with the proposed amendment, they should have sent it back to the planning commission for more work rather than just dropping the issue entirely. Osborne stated that it has now come to the Board's attention.

Petitions: None. McCallum asked the Board about Bill Williams request for the Michigan Townships Association Pledge of Governance to be re-hung. Two had already been hung on the wall and both were removed by an unknown person. Fischer stated that the MTA does not care who signs them or whether they are hung up. Bill Williams stated that he had requested it be hung up and asked for McCallum and Hartsell to sign another one and hang it up again.

Public Comments:

Lou Colletta commented on the barn built on Conkey Road and mentioned that Hartsell had wanted another accessory structure on his lot and under the ordinance was not able to do so and the planning commission started working on making some changes for accessory structures on larger parcels.

Dave Szumlinski commented that the ZBA did the right thing, they followed the law.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deb McBride Land Division: Smith advised the Board that they have to approve the land division. McCallum stated that the Board is not approving the land division, but needs to approve a partial termination from PA116 to complete the land division process for the McBride property and asked when the initial request and application was received by the Township. Smith stated that there were problems with the survey and that caused a delay. McCallum will contact the attorney for the request date to include in the resolution. **Resolution 2011-16, Resolution for a Partial Termination of PA 116** read by McCallum, offered by Fischer and supported by Smith. Roll call vote: All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Huron County Road Commission:

Smith stated that the Road Commission needs a tax exemption certificate signed and returned. McCallum advised Smith that it has been sent in.

February 28, 2012 Election:

Motion by Smith to place the Lake Township Wind Ordinance on the February 28, 2012 ballot, seconded by Osborne. Smith asked for a roll call vote: All ayes.

L-4029 Millage Levy:

McCallum stated that the 2011 Taxable Values for the L-4029 were obtained from Huron County Equalization and the maximum allowable millages are .9251 for General Operating, 1.5000 for Roads/Gypsy Moth and .6000 for CAFPA. **Resolution 2011-17, Millage Rate Authorization, offered by Fischer and supported by Hartsell. Roll call vote: All ayes.**

Quarterly Budget Review:

Publications under general Office Expenses is at 85% of budget and Planning and Zoning Publications is at 116% of budget. **Motion by Fischer to move \$500 from Contingency to both line items, seconded by Osborne. Motion carried – McCallum opposed.**

2010-11 Audit:

Smith did not have his copy of the audit handed out at the August meeting and did not review the report. **Motion by Fischer to approve the audit, seconded by Osborne. Motion carried – all ayes.**

Tree Removal bids:

Smith read bids submitted as follows:

Tri-County Tree Service - \$375.00 to remove the tree and debris with an additional \$85.00 for stump removal
Movin' On Up Tree & Aerial Service - \$700.00 to remove tree and debris with an additional \$125.00 for stump removal

Motion by Smith to have Tri-County remove the tree and stump, seconded by Fischer. McCallum requested that Tri-county provide the township with a certificate of insurance. Motion carried – all ayes.

Back Door Repair: Osborne will look into what is needed.

Murdoch ZBA:

Smith read an agreement signed by Larry Murdoch to remove the lean to portion of his pole shed that was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

D & W Salvage:

Smith advised the Board that D & W had to pull their dumpster from the Transfer Station so scrap metal would not be accepted. Osborne thought Dave Ferris was going to continue accepting the scrap. McCallum suggested Smith find out and if Dave was not taking scrap, a notice should be posted on the website so residents are aware of the change.

Appointment of Paul Golsch to Planning Commission:

Smith stated that Paul Golsch had filed a letter of intent for the planning commission. **Motion by Smith to appoint Golsch to the planning commission, seconded by Osborne. Motion carried – all ayes.**

Public Comments:

Lou Colletta asked why Deb McBride resigned. Smith stated she moved out of Lake Township. Colletta wanted to know why she didn't stay on the planning commission just like Jeff Krohn who does not live in Lake Township. Smith stated that the township can only have one member who does not live in the township.

Lou Bushey requested that if someone from the Township Board has a question for the other Boards, they should ask them before the meeting so they can be prepared to answer. He stated he has attended many seminars and knows that there is some provision that would allow the Board of Review to remove a building.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Smith to pay bills, seconded by Hartsell. Smith asked about adding the Road Commission invoice. McCallum suggested waiting since it is still early in the year. Fischer agreed. Smith stated the Road Commission had a note attached requesting payment. McCallum read the note which was just letting the township know that not all costs incurred to date were included on the invoice. Motion carried to pay bills as presented. McCallum opposed. Osborne asked why McCallum was opposed and stated that the Road Commission invoice was not added. McCallum stated that her opposition is to the fact that the township had so many tax refunds due to tax appeals which were stipulated to by the assessor.

Motion by Hartsell to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried – all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Valerie McCallum, Clerk