

LAKE TOWNSHIP
APPROVED BOARD MINUTES
September 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance being recited. Roll called: Valerie McCallum, Dorothy Fischer, Claren Russell, Dale Hartsell, Clay Kelterborn all present. Seven guests present.

Agenda: Addition of new deputy treasurer accepted. Motion to approve agenda with addition made by Clay Kelterborn, seconded by Russell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Guest: Sheriff Kelly Hanson reported on the current contract with our Township. Road patrol began on July 4th, 2013. Not always able to fill shifts easily due to busy time of year and other festivals needing coverage. Overtime for regular deputies were at a higher cost, so trying to fill patrols with seasoned part-time officers. Lots of stops of ORV's the first month (July), but the second month (August) it seemed to be better. Patrols were out until 10 p.m., and shifts were from 4 to 6 hours. Bill submitted for months of July and August. Might need patrol for the upcoming hunting season. We will look at our budget. Per the Sheriff, they will try to get part-time help to keep the cost down. The Sheriff asked if we had any questions? Kelterborn asked if he felt we had positive results for our Township? Sheriff stated that there were 43 traffic stops, 7 tickets issued, and these were mainly on M25. Highest complaints were before 10 p.m. so, yes. He gave a report to the Clerk for reference, but stated that patrolling does seem to be affecting crime. Complaints are down from 155 in 2011 and fairly same for the 2 years previous. Now the Sheriff department has a priority of tracking down meth labs in the County. There have been 6 meth labs in our County. One was back behind Sand Rd. Not too much of a problem with this in Huron County comparatively, but when we have a drug problem, it spills out into the community, i.e., hospitals, break-ins. Lake Township does not have more of a problem than others in Huron County. Gerry Pobanz questioned if mopeds are legal in the walking path. Sheriff answered, yes on M25, but not on the bike path, and you still need a drivers' license for them. A question was raised if there's anything that can be done with tractors on the road and Sheriff Hanson stated that they are legal. Kelterborn asked if there was an advantage to having the patrolling here in response times? Yes, stated the Sheriff, if the patrol officer was in the area. Keep calling in to 911 if you see an offender.

Kelterborn asked if there was much trouble with the fireworks? There was one call to the Sheriff complaining about fireworks when it wasn't dark yet, but the State has passed a law that pretty much allows fireworks. Sheriff thought there were less complaints this year than last year. Perhaps the novelty of the availability of fireworks has worn off. Hartsell agreed to get in touch with the Sheriff Department regarding the future needs for scheduling patrols during hunting season.

Approval of Minutes: There were no corrections to the Aug. 13 Board Minutes. Kelterborn made a motion to accept the minutes. Hartsell seconded the motion. All in favor- aye. Motion carried.

Reports from Board Officers:

Supervisor, Val McCallum, stated the CAPFA Agreement has been signed and finalized by the other members of the organization. The Township Picnic (held Aug. 21) went well with more than 60 people in attendance.

Treasurer, Dorothy Fischer, had nothing to report.

Clerk, Claren Russell, had nothing to report.

Trustee, Dale Hartsell, had nothing to report.

Trustee, Clay Kelterborn, discussed brush cutting with Greg Polega. They are getting done with the primary road areas. Jeff Powell is on vacation this week, but will start next week clearing the tree stumps and brush from the secondary roads. The Building-Grounds Committee has met. The Transfer Station was looked at and the foundation has issues. Per input from Tom Pierce and Tory Geilhart, it is not financially feasible to repair it without fixing the foundation. Regarding immediate concerns, the back of the Township building is in need of repairs. Tory Geilhart (our Township Building Inspector) says that needs to be taken care of to avoid deterioration any further. Northstar Construction has taken a look at it and will give an estimate this week. It needs to have siding replaced and some fascia repair. It will have to go out for bids.

Correspondence: Correspondence included for review was the CAFPA Minutes of August, the Zoning Administrator's Report, Building Inspector's Report, Planning Commission Minutes of August 28th and September 3rd. Also have the audit to review. There are two hearings with the Michigan Public Service Commission scheduled regarding Consumers Energy Company, one on September 17th (tomorrow) and the other on October 2nd for Thumb Electric (both posted on the Township bulletin board).

Petitions/Public Comments:

Len Pilato reported for the Caseville Fire Department that the newly purchased ladder truck is functional, with two crews already trained. He is hoping to get some media coverage in the View. We should also do something for the winter newsletter... a paragraph or two to be written about our fire department, and that the truck is completely paid for. Len will check into it.

Old Business:

Regarding the Building maintenance, it was suggested that we need bids for repairing the back siding of the Township Hall and to repair some fascia in the front and side. Motion by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell to request bids in the paper with the specifications to be gotten by our Building Inspector, Tory Geilhart, for the back part of the office. Seconded by Hartsell. All ayes. Motion passed.

Regarding Port-a Johns, there was more information to be reviewed. Another article was brought in about them. Motion by Kelterborn and seconded by Hartsell to table this discussion until the October meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dorothy Fischer asked if we had heard from the Diva Disposal regarding a sample letter for surveying our residents about curbside trash pickup? McCallum has tried to get in touch with them but no one has responded. Therefore, Val has created a survey for the website. It will be posted soon and followed up in the newsletter.

New Business:

Regarding the Township Audit, Ken Berthiaume, auditor, can come in October to our meeting but was not available for tonight's. The F 65 letter has been sent to the government for their report. Kelterborn motioned to approve audit. Hartsell seconded it. Val offered copies to anyone interested in looking at it now. It was stated that a copy of it is on the Dept. of Treasury website. All ayes. Motion carried.

We have been notified by the cleaning person, Brenda Love, that for personal reasons she is no longer able to clean for the office. She did recommend one possible person. Since that time, McCallum and Russell have referred back to the previous applications also, and interviewed two people. They were in agreement to suggest hiring Tina Main unless the Board wanted to post an ad and interview others. Kelterborn said this was enough if satisfactory with McCallum and Russell. Kelterborn motioned to hire Tina Main as the cleaning person for the Township office. Seconded by Fischer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Regarding the 2nd Quarterly Budget Review, Val would like to make a motion to table the complete review until October, except to put \$500 from contingency into publications to cover the budget overage. Seconded by Kelterborn. All aye. Motion carried.

Dorothy Fischer stated that she is appointing a new Deputy Treasurer, Patricia Smith, and will add her name to our financial accounts at Thumb National Bank, Independent Bank, and Team One Credit Union, and remove the previous Deputy's name, Moira Foster. Also, agreed to add the Clerk's name to the Team One Credit Union account for information purposes only. Motion by Fischer, seconded by Hartsell. All-aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None**Payment of bills:**

Motion made by Kelterborn to pay the current bills with the addition of the Sheriffs' bill that was submitted tonight in the amount of \$3486.82. Seconded by Fischer. All aye. Motion carried.

Question was asked if the Sheriff was contracted for the entire year? Per McCallum, money was budgeted to cover patrolling summer through hunting season. Still will be regular coverage by the Sheriff Department. No further questions.

Next regular Board meeting will be October 21, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell. All in favor-aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk