

**Lake Township, Huron County
Board Meeting Minutes**
Dec. 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledge of allegiance was recited. Members in attendance: Dorothy Fischer, Dale Hartsell, Clay Kelterborn, Valerie McCallum, and Claren Russell. Guests in attendance-4.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Clay Kelterborn, seconded by Dale Hartsell. All ayes, motion passed.

Minutes: Motion made by Hartsell to approve the November 18, 2013 minutes as presented, and seconded by Kelterborn. All ayes, motion passed.

Reports:

Supervisor (McCallum) stated the Board of Review met last Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 10th and 11th, for review of records. There were quite a few errors found from previous assessor. They were corrected.

Treasurer (Fischer) commented that she has processed over \$352,000 in property taxes in the last couple of weeks.

Clerk (Russell) noted that the Township has received a refund check from overpayment of employee taxes in March , 2013 to the Federal Government in the amount of \$175.10 (including interest), and will also be receiving another refund check from Michigan State for employee taxes overpaid in error in December , 2012, in the amount of approximately \$450.00.

Trustees Hartsell and Kelterborn had no reports to note.

Correspondence:

No CAFPA minutes were received. Zoning Administrator's Report, Building Inspector's Report, Planning Commission Minutes of November 20, 2013 were presented with no comments.

Petitions/Public Comments (On Agenda Items): None.

Old Business:

Trash Survey has been on the township website and included in the Winter Newsletter. The results so far are 28 in favor of curbside pickup, and 60 opposed, with 10 surveys noting the good service from the Transfer Station attendant, David Ferris. The Board also listened to a letter written by Larry Crews, and read by Dorothy Fischer, noting several township facts that concluded with opposing curbside pickup.

Recycling 2014- Guest, Glenn Nelson, asked clarification on Recycling now available- is it single stream? McCallum answered yes, and is sorted at the Flint destination. The cardboard and papers, however, are separate and placed in the Thumb Industries' trailer on site. Kelterborn asked if we have checked with any other disposal services? He suggested we check with Flint and their recycling alternatives for future consideration for the following year (2015). Although the Board would like to be able to recycle more kinds of materials, there is no known availability at this time. Kelterborn motioned to renew our contract with Diva Disposal for 2014. Fischer seconded it, and all ayes were voted. Motion carried.

Fireworks- Hartsell reported that each city or town has their own rules. Kelterborn mentioned it is hard to catch violators of the fireworks laws. Atleast this is a police power ordinance which allows policing to enforce the ordinance we have established. A guest asked how many actual complaints has the Township gotten regarding fireworks? Several Board members mentioned being approached by residents during private time, and McCallum mentioned she had gotten several phone calls...maybe a couple dozen throughout the summer. The guest stated he felt we have too many rules in our township now, and he questioned why we even have a fireworks ordinance since Michigan State has established approval of fireworks state-wide. It was explained that each local entity must

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adopt their own local limits to govern when and how fireworks may be used (with respect to other residents), and, that law enforcement can only issue tickets if we have adopted our specific regulations. It was mentioned by Russell that she liked the addition that Caseville had in their ordinance with restrictions to amount of days around the holidays of usual firework celebrations, such as a few days before, and a few days after the actual holiday, or the weeks of the celebration, such as Cheeseburger. This ordinance will be reviewed again in the future.

Huron County Solid Waste Resolution-We have until Jan. 3, 2014 to respond to a letter from EDC (Economic Development Corporation) regarding tentative addition of 40 acres to the current landfill in Ubley. The amendment will need 67% approval from the local townships to adopt it. We have been told there is no Canadian waste being dumped at this time but we all agreed that Canadian waste should never be part of this landfill. Per Clay Kelterborn, the last addition in late 1990's was supposed to last 20 years and now there is a need to add more landfill area. We are concerned about the future environmental effect on the land and water systems. It was presented that other communities not in our area have begun alternative processing and recycling to make it more eco-friendly. Such examples employed were incinerators and broader recycling of plastics, metals and glass whereas the current handling of waste in Huron County is to add more space to bury it. After much discussion it was decided to send a letter to the EDC by January 3rd to express our township board's opinions and suggestions before the amendment is created and adopted by the County in hopes of alternative choices. A motion was made by Kelterborn to create and send a letter signed by the Board members, seconded by Hartsell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Copy Machine- At present we are looking at two offers. The first is from Brady Office Supply and is a proposal of \$150 per month, billed quarterly, leased for five years including toners. The other offer is from F&G Business Machines at \$2850 to purchase a used Minolta with 31,900 copies on it already. We would have to purchase our own toner cartridges, and there is a maintenance contract available if we would want to purchase it extra. Both are color capable, double sided printing. The question came up where the money would come from. We have \$1600 in office supply budgeted. Kelterborn would be more in favor of buying the equipment as to paying lease costs. Review of budget allows us to take \$2000 from the Public Safety fund and transfer to Office Equipment. Budget transfer motioned by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion made by Kelterborn to purchase the copy machine at \$2850. Hartsell seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Question raised as to the disposal of the old copy machine. We will check with the office machine company when they deliver the new one.

Zoning Administrator Position: Our Zoning Administrator is leaving as of February 2014. We have checked with the Building Administrator, Tory Geilhart, and he is not interested in the zoning enforcement part of the Zoning Administrator's job. Question was raised if we have enough money to train a new person for Zoning Administrator. It was agreed, when we have tentatively hired a new Zoning Administrator, we will negotiate a minimum wage while in training before he is on his own. We are hoping to hire someone by January to work with Mark Treder as on the job training. Our lawyer stated we are going to need to update the new hire with the current situation that is in litigation so he will be able to represent the Township in court if called upon. An ad in the paper for a Zoning Administrator Position needs to be put in soon with a deadline of the 17th of January. The job will be part time and the job description will be put on the website as well as available in the Township Hall. We could call a special meeting when we have the applications and interviewed those interested persons. Kelterborn made a motion to place an ad for the Zoning Administrator position, and McCallum seconded it. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: Kelterborn asked if the Township had gotten an annual meeting date from the Road Commission yet. We have not. McCallum asked if the brush trimming was completed. Kelterborn said as far as he knew it was. Kelterborn then stated the Road Commission has gotten a new trimmer that could be an alternative to chemical spraying. The brush trimmer is very high powered and efficient. The cost is \$150 per hour to run, and the Road Commission suggested that four townships might plan to cover about a quarter of each township a year with a four year rotation.

Tabled/Pending Items:

Portable Toilet Ordinance: Nothing new at this time.

Public Comments: A new permanent resident, Glenn Nelson, who has been seasonal for nine years, commented that he is pleased with the way the Board is conducting business now. "Congratulations".

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Lou Colletta, the web master for our Lake Township website , stated he has added a traffic advisory section to the website. It will be helpful for travelers coming to and from our Township.

A guest stated that since we are not getting money for E. coli testing of the waters this year and we have four beaches, could we get someone to test the beaches privately and the Township could pay for it? McCallum stated she would check with the State Park and see if they are going to be checking their own. That would be one park done. The County is particular as to how/who is testing so individual testing might not work. Also it was suggested that we could write Mike Power, our local Commissioner and express our concern to him. We should do some local checking and see if there are any alternatives. It was suggested that we could get Commissioner Nugent to our next meeting to discuss this, and if that doesn't make a difference, then ask Terry Brown (State Representative) to come to our meeting. McCallum agreed to see if she can get some government officials to come to our next meeting in January.

Payment of bills: Clerk wants to add three items to the bills due to receiving them today. Add Tina Main for cleaning offices, K-Mart bill, and Clemco Printing for the printing of taxes and the Newsletter. Kelterborn made a motion to pay the bills as amended, Fischer seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Kelterborn made a motion to adjourn, Fischer seconded it. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk