

LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
Board Minutes...
APRIL 21, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken: Val McCallum, Dorothy Fischer, Clay Kelterborn, Dale Hartsell, Claren Russell. Guests: 4.

Approval of Agenda: Added Prosecutor, Tim Rutkowski as guest speaker, and two correspondences - one from DTE and one from Comcast. Added to New Business – new Site Plan fees. Under Old Business add hiring of a Transfer Station substitute, and the Suri tax appeal. Motion made by Fischer, and seconded by Kelterborn to accept the agenda with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

Introduced Tim Rutkowski, Prosecuting Attorney who presented information about drug prosecution and its appearance in Huron County. He also announced his intention to run for Huron County Circuit Court Judge this year.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell to accept the March 31, 2014 minutes as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports from Board of Officers:

Supervisor will have business to present during the regular scheduled meeting.

Treasurer submitted report for month of March.

Clerk – Telephone service being changed by Frontier tomorrow that will give same service that will include local and long distance at no extra charge.

Trustees – Hartsell: Has schedule for Memorial Day weekend to begin our public safety patrol through the Sheriff's Department and will get a schedule copy for the Township.

Kelterborn: Talked with Greg Polega, the road foreman from the Road Commission. Blake and Osborne need work. There are two road tubes needed, the cost being \$2500 each; one at Grassmere and the other at Etzler Rd. Grassmere would be a cost share with Hume Township. He will get back with us after reviewing the roads further. Regarding the possible road brining the County wanted to do, their equipment is not ready yet so will probably be in place for next year to do local brining. The Bldg. and Grounds Committee is waiting for Tom Pierce to return from Florida, about 3 weeks yet. They will meet then. There is a roof leak in the Township Hall. Tory Geilhart has not reported back. Also, we are waiting for the Bldg. and Grounds Committee to look at the front door for a solution to the wind and weather tearing the storm door loose (as was done 3 times this year).

Correspondence: CAFPA Minutes are enclosed in our packets. Len Pilato stated that the CAFPA budget was good, and they are in good shape financially. The Zoning Administrator report, Bldg. Administrator report and the Planning Commission Minutes are in the packet. DTE has sent a book covering the conversion to automatic meter readings, and it will be in the Township Hall if anyone wants to look at it. There is no cost to the property owner for the meter change but

there is a fee if the resident opts out of the automated service. Comcast has a new channel available, INSP, channel 391.

Petitions/Public Comments: No petitions. Comment by Lou Colletta- Have had lots of sand blowing onto M25 where beach owners have cleared their grass from the beach area. Does the Road Commission ever clean the road for us? Per other guests, pay loaders have been seen cleaning sand off that area and other places where the blown sand gets deep on M25. Mr. Colletta states beach property owners often clean too much of the beach grass that used to hold down the sand and now, in the last two years, it has blown up continually. Now, we have had a lot of rain, and because of the sand pushed up on the edge of the road the rain water isn't draining off the road as fast as it should. The result is water lying on the road. Does the Road Commission do any road work that could help this situation? Kelterborn stated there is a meeting with them this coming Monday, and we could ask about that. Mr. Colletta and other guests felt the removal of the dune grass has promoted a lot of this problem. We will post a notice for the MDOT meeting for any interested parties who would want to come Monday.

Old Business:

Recycling – Thumb Industries: We cannot pull their trailer to avoid the \$50 service charge. Tuscola may be enlarging their recycling and if we could expand our offer for recycling, maybe work with neighboring communities like Caseville, who has expressed an interest, we could make it more affordable. We will need to explore our options by the new year. For now, a motion was made by Fischer, supported by Kelterborn to continue Thumb Industries paper recycling at the charge of \$50/month for the rest of this year. All in favor. Motion carried. In regard to the transfer station substitute, Joel Gingrich, was interviewed by McCallum and Russell. He was a good candidate. McCallum also checked bonding and the transfer station attendant is bonded with our insurance as well as our secretary. Motion made by Kelterborn to hire Mr. Gingrich as an alternate. Seconded by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Fireworks Ordinance 2014-01-There was review of Caseville's Firework Ordinance. After much discussion, a few corrections, and additions, it was motioned by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to adopt the Fireworks Ordinance by resolution. Roll call vote: Aye- Hartsell, McCallum, Kelterborn, Fischer, Russell. 2014-01 Fireworks Ordinance adopted by Resolution 2014-12. It will be published and in effect as of 30 days from date of publication. It will also be on the Lake Township website.

Philp Park Facilities- McCallum spoke with Neal Hentschel and he said that the cost for the facility at Thompson Park was about \$25,000 and he was not encouraging regarding putting in a facility at Philp's Park. He understands the eye-sore that the port-a-potty represents now, and he agreed to look into some costs for putting in a cement pad and some fencing around an area so it wouldn't look like a port-a-potty.

Oak Beach County Park- Mr.Hentschel also stated that there was an application submitted to the DNR presently to see if Oak Beach would qualify for funding a waterway access and we should hear by June, 2014.

ZBA Fees- Port Austin and Verona charge \$500 for ZBA fees, Caseville charges \$650, Sand Beach charges \$500 but refunds any costs not used in the processing of the appeal. It was agreed that our recent increase to \$450 should be left as is as long as it covers the cost to process appeals. We will watch the budget for those results.

MTT - Suri Tax Appeal- We did file a valuation disclosure and have received their disclosure. The pre-hearing date in Lansing is June 16th. Val McCallum wants input as to what the Township wants to do. At the pre-trial there is no lawyer necessary, but she would like to have the counseling of Frischman and Associates. Much conversation ensued regarding the value, the profit at risk, the long term consequences of pursuing or not pursuing. Kelterborn motioned to forward the valuation disclosures to our consultant, Frischman Appraisals, for their opinion. It was agreed that they are skilled with property tax appeals and would be able to advise us after looking at the facts that we currently have. Hartsell supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Site Plan Fee list- In looking at the 2012 amended list, it was noticed that there was a small note about "over 300 feet" under the Fence/Deck fees. It appears that it did not reference anything about fees. Kelterborn made a motion to remove the "over 300 feet" from the Site Plan Application Fees. Seconded by Hartsell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment-Due to Ric Geilhart's resignation, McCallum recommended Todd Gordon to fill that position. He lives on the lakeside so would be able to represent the lakeside residents. Motion was made by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell to appointment Todd Gordon to the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Board of Review Vacancy- McCallum states Bob Siver, who is on the Board of Review, has resigned due to his job, and being on the Planning Commission. Maryanne Williams is an alternate and could be appointed to fill that position now, and then be considered for a regular position for the new year when we appoint the new Board of Review for 2015. Hartsell motioned that we appoint Maryanne Williams as a regular to complete this year, and Kelterborn seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

2014-15 Road Work- Kelterborn noticed the parking lot just outside the Township Hall needs crack sealing, as well as the previously mentioned Griggs Rd., Dufty Road and Conkey Rd. Also two road tubes needed at \$2500 each, including Etzler Rd, and Grassmere Rd which would be cost shared with Hume Township so actually only \$1250. Motion made by Kelterborn to get a work order for said work. Supported by Hartsell. All in favor. Motion carried. Also, about brining the roads, McCallum spoke with Wilkinsons and had a correction in the contract due to recently paved roads being eliminated for brining. The total bill is \$7950.00 and we can save \$397.50 if we pay by April 30, 2014. Hartsell made a motion to pay the contract with Wilkinsons for the discounted amount and include it in tonight's bills. Seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Computer Upgrade- We received a quote for a new computer for the secretary of our office. Her current computer is older, works slow, and will not be able to upgrade or get support. The new one will have Microsoft Office, a 23" monitor, business grade, 4 gb Ram. It will be \$1423.00. Motion by Kelterborn and supported by Fischer to purchase the new computer for the secretary. All ayes. Motion carried.
A reminder was made that we have a meeting with MDOT, on April 28th. We will post a notice.

Pending Items:

Portable Toilet Ordinance- Our Zoning Administrator is looking at it.

Payment of Bills: Motion made by Hartsell to pay the bills including the Wilkinson contract. Supported by Kelterborn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved Minutes

Public Comments: With the Caseville Fire Department, Len Pilato said the new chairperson is Jerry Platko, the vice chair is Len Pilato, and the treasurer is Mike Siegfried. Another question asked by a guest was the results of the ZBA of April 1st. It was passed with stipulations. Also open conversation clarified the notice about the coming ZBA for Grassi on May 12th

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kelterborn motioned to adjourn. Hartsell seconded it. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk