

LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 19, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Valerie McCallum, Dorothy Fischer, and Claren Russell. Absent: Clay Kelterborn. Dale Hartsell, who arrived late (at 7:30 P.M). Guests-four. Pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call taken.

Agenda: Russell added ZBA Education pay under new business, and added another bill to pay. Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Fischer, and seconded by McCallum. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Reviewed Minutes for April 21st and 28th, 2014. Motion by Russell to approve the minutes as submitted and seconded by Fischer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: McCallum stated she had attended the two training sessions for the ZBA and the Planning Commission and thought they were good.

Treasurer: Fischer stated she has information to discuss later in the business portion of our meeting.

Clerk: Russell had nothing to report.

Correspondence: CAFPA Minutes, Zoning Administrator's report, Building Inspector's Report, and Minutes for the Planning Commission in packets. Also a letter from Taylor Butterfield, noting our attorney, Brian Garner, has been added as a partner, and a letter from Comcast has been received to renew our franchise agreement. Two letters approving the PA 116 request from Brian and Renee Henry will be discussed in New Business. We have a May 15th letter regarding the Suri tax appeal and have received another one today. The May 15th one is just a request for interrogatories for admissions, and the one received today offers settling the case by accepting their offer to settle if the Township will accept a true cash value of \$900,000. Also two letters are posted on the outside bulletin board regarding the power recovery cost from two utility companies, one for DTE on May 20th and one on May 28th for Thumb Electric.

Petitions/Public Comments: Mr. Colletta asked what Apex was on the bill listing? That is for the sketching program for the assessing services.

Old Business:

Portable toilet ordinance- A portable toilet ordinance has been modeled after Caseville's ordinance. Looking at section 3, a permit is required. There is no cost for the permit unless the home owner gets a portable toilet before they get the permit. Russell asked to change wording (Part A) from being able to obtain the permit from the Clerk's office to the Township office since the permit will be obtained from anyone working in the Township office. Also, (Part D) we agreed to add: "the portable toilet must be screened from public sight if set up for longer than 3 days." Dale Hartsell, trustee, came in for the meeting at this time. After much conversation, a resolution was made by Fischer, seconded by Russell to adopt the ordinance with the two changes. Roll call vote: Hartsell- aye, McCallum-aye, Fisher-aye, Russell-aye. Ordinance adopted and will be in force 30 days from date of publication.

Huron Co. Agreement for Law Enforcement Services: We need to approve the Sheriff's contract again for this year. The increase in rates was noted. Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer to approve law enforcement services agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

Philp Park Facilities – Huron County is not able at this time to pay the \$10,000 to build the bathroom facility for the park. McCallum will check with Thumb Cellular if they would be willing to contribute. This would be a screened shelter that the port-a-potty could be put in. It was questioned if the Sheriff's crew could be used to build it? McCallum will report back next meeting.

MTT- Suri: In Mr. Suri's attorney's correspondence, they stated they are willing to settle at \$900,000 true cash value.. After much discussion about the value of said property it was agreed that we should at least defend our stance by proceeding with interrogatories of our own

PA 116 for Brian and Renee Henry: The PA 116 of section 26 has been approved by the Board of Commissioners and the Soil Conservation. Hartsell motioned to approve the PA116 and it was seconded by Fischer. Roll call: Fischer-aye, Hartsell-aye, McCallum-aye, Russell-aye. PA 116 approved for Henry in Section 26.

Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal: The renewal is for 10 years at 3% per annum, and per Russell, she had talked to a representative for this franchise and he stated it doesn't stop other cable companies from offering service...they can

come in and offer a franchise to us also. Motion to approve the renewal made by Fischer, seconded by McCallum. All in favor. Motion carried.

Summer Tax Bills/Newsletter/Inserts: Huron County has printed the tax bills in the past but the Equalization Department will now be sending out tax bills to KCI of Grand Rapids unless the individual Treasurers want to print their own. Our treasurer, Dorothy Fischer, is recommending we print them ourselves as it will save money. If we have KCI print and mail them, they will not put the bills that go to the same land owner in one envelope but will send each one individually. Some farmers have 10 to 12 parcels and several other residents own more than one parcel. That will also increase the number of newsletters that each landowner gets and will increase the cost not only by the postage but by the processing and the envelope costs. If we include a four-page newsletter, it would cost the Township \$1200 more to go with KCI. McCallum motioned that we print our tax bills. Fischer seconded it. All agreed. Motion carried.

Summer Newsletter: McCallum reminded the Board that articles for the Township Newsletter need to be submitted soon. It was suggested that we cover the Fireworks Ordinance and the new Portable Toilet Ordinance. Also note that we will have County Sheriff coverage again this year starting on Memorial Day weekend. It was requested of Hartsell that he inform the Sheriff patrol that we have a letter of complaint regarding ORV's on Sand Rd. at Oak Beach. He agreed to take a copy of the letter and discuss it with the Sheriff Department. Hartsell did not have a copy of the Huron County Sheriff's tentative scheduled coverage yet.

Road Work: We need bids for gravel for Etzler Rd. from Elkton Rd. to McCormick, and then Elkton Rd. from Kinde Rd. to Dufty needs gravel. We have dead trees that need to be removed. We will use J&P Tree service again and set aside \$2000 for that work. Also, we need to set aside money for the 6A work (road patching) and we should probably do as we did last year, at \$5000. Motion by Hartsell to let out bids for graveling, designate \$2000 for JP Trees Service, and \$5000 for 6A. Seconded by Russell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Education ZBA training: When the Planning Commission Education pay rate was increased, the Education pay rate for the ZBA was not included. The Planning Commission currently is paid \$65.00. Hartsell made a motion for a resolution to add Education pay to ZBA at \$65, and make that retroactive to cover the April 28th and the May 3rd, 2014 training sessions. Fischer seconded it. Roll call vote: McCallum-aye, Fischer-aye, Hartsell-aye, Russell-aye. Resolution adopted.

Township Hall Repairs: Building Grounds and Repairs Committee is waiting for Tom Pierce to return from Florida. The water stain on the ceiling in the back of the Hall seems to be getting a little bigger.

Bills: Hartsell has an L-shaped wood desk for sale for \$100 to the Township. McCallum thought it would be a better set up for the secretary. Board agreed to sell large metal desk for \$20.00. Small desk belonging to McCallum is also available to anyone interested. Regarding the payment of bills, add lawn maintenance Paul Santhany bill for \$167.50, and add \$100 for the purchase of the desk from Dale Hartsell. Motion made by Hartsell to pay the bills with the two additions. Seconded by Fischer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Per guest L. Colletta, Huron County will be conducting *Ecoli* testing of the Lake this summer. It will be posted on the website.

Public Comments: A guest noted that the last ZBA regarding a fence that went beyond the allowed distance to the lake was denied. The guest referred to the fence that was not in compliance by stating he thought it looked nice and should have been approved under extenuating circumstances. McCallum noted the recent ZBA training specifically referred to situations such as this where the Board must uphold the ordinance.

There being no further business, McCallum made a motion to adjourn. Hartsell seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk