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# LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

At 4988 W. Kinde Road, Caseville, Mi. 48725

## JULY 21, 2014

**Meeting was called to order** at 7:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Clay Kelterborn, Dale Hartsell, Claren Russell. Absent: Dorothy Fischer. Guests in attendance: 5.

**Agenda:** The clerk added five bills to be added to the listings, McCallum added to New Business regarding burning and selling of wood. Kelterborn moved to accept Agenda with the additions of the clerk's and the supervisor's. Seconded by Hartsell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Review of June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board minutes. Moved by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Reports from the Board Officers:**

**Supervisor:** The Township has received a couple of complaints regarding an apparent tree service. Continual wood cutting and splitting, and two fire pits which are burning or smoldering, often unattended, day after day were the complaints of the neighbors. Review of this residence revealed that we have had continuous complaints of this specific nature with this resident in the last three years. Also they are selling wood at the roadside in bundles. He was told that he would need a Special Use Permit to sell at roadside but, as yet, he has not applied. Since this is a rental house, per Kelterborn, we must send a copy of the letter to the property owner also. It was noted that there is no DBA license that we are aware of. We will discuss further in "New Business".

Discussion regarding the MTT will be addressed in Old Business.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer is absent. Her report is in our packets.

**Clerk:** Reminder that the Primary Election will be held in our Township Hall August 5<sup>th</sup>. We are having a Public Accuracy Test to be held Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, also at the hall.

**Trustees:** Kelterborn asked about bids for gravel hauling faxed over to hall from Greg Polega. Kelterborn also mentioned necessary tree trimming maintenance, specifically a tree hanging over Conkey Rd. that he had mentioned to Polega back in the spring of the year. Per Polega, the Road Commission is behind due to the need to remove dead ash trees. Polega requested a road work order for the tree work. As far as the building issues at the Hall, the other member of the Building and Grounds Committee is back and they will be getting together with a report at our next regular meeting in August.

**Hartsell:** Explained some of the wording in the Sheriff Dept. billing for road patrol of our township. He also said he had the Sheriff schedule through August.

Kelterborn asked about blighted buildings, and buildings out of repair. McCallum asked the Zoning Administrator what was being done about three complaints that were given to her.

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Zoning Administrator stated two were Building Inspector issues and were referred to him. One resulted in a letter sent to the property owner due to blight.

McCallum stated a resident had called her and complained that fireworks were being set off near Quarry Rd. subdivision and suggested people were not aware of the current Firework Ordinance. McCallum stated the word needs to get out that they are not legal Sunday through Thursday unless they fall on the day before, the day of, or the day after a holiday.

**Correspondence:** We have copies of the CAFPA Minutes, the Zoning Administrator report, the Building Inspector's report, and Minutes from the Planning Commission. There were no questions.

Kelterborn asked if the Zoning Administrator and the Building Inspector are up to date on the fees for the Township. McCallum agreed to check.

We have received a Comcast letter regarding channel changes.

There is a letter from Senator Mike Green regarding Canadian nuclear waste with a resolution attached rejecting Canada's intention to build a Nuclear Waste dump in Canada near Lake Huron. Senator Green would like our Township to adopt the resolution and send copies to various Canadian and United States government officials who have a part in protecting the waters of the Great Lakes. We have time to review the letter and will discuss it next regular meeting.

**Petitions/ Public Comments** There are no petitions. No Public Comments offered.

#### **Old Business:**

**Road work:** Hauling bids were discussed. Quick Transport and Bucholtz submitted bids which were comparable. Hartsell asked about McCormick Rd. Kelterborn agreed that it could use stone but it also needs ditch work. Future road work needs were discussed which included saving money for Blake, Osbourn and Champagne Rd. resurfacing. Kelterborn motioned to resurface a half mile of Elkton Rd. between Kinde Rd and Dufty Rd. and one mile of Etzler Rd. between Elkton and McCormick Rd. and using Quick Transport or Bucholtz Trucking, depending on whoever is first available. Hartsell seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kelterborn motioned to hire necessary tree trimming to be done by JP Tree Service on Conkey Rd. Hartsell seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Furniture Removal:** There have been no bids on the two old desks that have been for sale in the office. Kelterborn motioned to have Hartsell dispose of desks. McCallum seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Hartsell also agreed to store the air conditioner cover for the summer.

**MTT:** Regarding the Suri appeal, it was discovered that the 2011 Consent Judgment compromised the township's position in settling the current case. In the board members' packets is a settlement proposal representing our counter offer which would cover tax years 2012, 2013, and 2014. Our legal counsel has advised settlement. Hartsell made a motion to approve the settlement offer as proposed. Kelterborn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

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**Resolution re: Nuclear Waste Repository :** Motion made by Hartsell to table this resolution until August meeting. Kelterborn seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Garage Sale Permits:** Question was raised as to why we have a charge of \$5.00 fee. Kelterborn gave a history of instituting it. Russell stated a penalty fee of \$25.00, like the Porta John penalty fee, would be adequate. It was further suggested that a pamphlet/letter welcoming new residents to the area be made and include some of the laws we have in our zoned community. Kelterborn offered a resolution eliminating the \$5.00 garage sale permit fee, but implementing a \$25.00 penalty fee if no permit registered prior to the sale. Seconded by Hartsell. Roll call vote: Hartsell, aye; McCallum, aye; Kelterborn, aye; Russell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Third Quarter Budget Review:** Waiting for reimbursements to Planning Commission for training sessions which will balance that line item. Rest of budget accepted as presented.

**Open House – Township Hall:** An open house was suggested. It would be an opportunity for residents to get to know the Lake Township employees. It is set for Saturday morning, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion made by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Complaint of selling wood:** Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn, to send a letter to the resident to stop selling wood at roadside until granted a special use permit, and send a copy of the letter to the property owner. Follow up will be a civil infraction if resident does not comply. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Pending Items:**

**Township Hall repairs- Roof and Front Door:** Meeting with the Building and Grounds will occur in the near future and a report will be given at the August meeting.

**Recycling Options for 2015:** McCallum had tried to get in touch with Diva Disposal but they have not returned her call. No further information.

**Philp Park Facilities:** A porta john has been placed near picnic tables at Philp Park. It is unsightly. Suggestion made to send a letter to the Road Commission requesting bathroom facilities be established in a more discreet manner at Philp Park. Since there is income from the cell tower established there, perhaps it would pay for the upkeep and the setting. Motion made by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell, to send a letter of request to the Road Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:** Kelterborn motioned to pay the bills with five additions. Seconded by Hartsell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** A guest asked if we post the Public Accuracy Test on the bulletin board and the website. The clerk stated that the Notice is ready to be posted tomorrow morning and she will send a copy for the website.

A guest stated that it appears people are being dropped off to use Slavin easement. He states it is not for the public.

Another guest wanted to know the rules for golf carts and ATV's: can they be used on the highway? Per Hartsell, they must be road worthy with lights (like a car), or have an ORV sticker.

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Children under 16 must wear a helmet and be in the care of an adult. A guest stated, per our recent Planning Commission meeting, only licensed golf carts can be on the public road. Lou Colletta, stated he had been working on a “welcome pamphlet” that could be used for residents and realtors. He and Zoning Administrator, Tracey Swift, will work on it for consideration in the future.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Kelterborn motioned to adjourn. McCallum seconded it. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned 9:05 P.M.

Submitted by,

Claren Russell, Clerk