

LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17TH, 2014

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Dorothy Fischer, Clay Kelterborn, Dale Hartsell and Claren Russell. Guests attending: 4.

Approval of the Agenda: McCallum added Newsletter topic to New Business. Motioned by Hartsell to accept agenda with addition. Seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Oct. 20, 2014 Minutes: First page, name of Mrs. Simpson corrected by Kelterborn to Mrs. Simmons. Motion by Kelterborn and supported by Fischer, to approve the corrected minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

BOARD OFFICERS REPORTS:

Supervisor- McCallum is working with Sheriff Hanson and the DNR in connection with our Nuisance Ordinance and target shooting. DNR officer, Lt. Utt, wanted to have it reviewed by their legal counsel to see if it is enforceable on state land. The Garage Sale Ordinance has been retyped and forwarded to our attorney for amending.

Treasurer- Fischer had nothing extra to report other than Treasurer's report in packet.

Clerk- Russell passed copy of corrected bill listing from Oct. 20th Board meeting for re-signing. One check last month was in error and corrected. General Election of Nov. 4th ran smoothly. Clerk position was voted to continue until Nov, 2016.

Trustees- Hartsell checking with Sheriff Dept. regarding patrolling schedule.

Kelterborn had spoken to Mr. Gotts, the owner of the Township Hall, asking about the possibility of Lake Township acquiring said hall. Mr. Gotts stated he was consulting with Russ, his son, about it and would respond later.

Kelterborn had also consulted Neal Hentschl about the county roads. Road salt will be used more sparingly this winter due to last year's cost and revenue; the intersections will be salted as usual but the streets will only be salted as needed to aid in conserving the salt usage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C.A.F.P.A.- Len Pilato states a new asphalt roof is to be put on the fire hall. Also the recent audit confirms the Caseville Fire Department is in good financial shape and the fire department is well manned.

Zoning Administration Report- It was noticed that the report was hard to read (done by hand) and the Board requested it be given back to the Administrator to type, and requested future reports be typed.

Comcast- Comcast will be adding/changing some channels as of December. We also have a letter from the State of Michigan regarding Regulatory Affairs. If there are complaints about cablevision from either their customers or franchise entities a form is available here at the office.

Response to Nuclear Waste Resolution- A letter was received from the Canadian Minister of Natural Resources regarding the intended nuclear waste sight. It stated that there have been many panels established to research the facts and after four hearings in 2013, and two held in 2014, the final decision will be made according to scientific studies and geological results submitted.

Notices of MPSC Hearings- DTE has a cost recovery hearing scheduled for Nov. 25th, 2014 and Thumb Electric Company has a scheduled hearing on Dec. 2, 2014, both in Lansing, MI. and they are open to the public.

PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trash & Recycling Proposal – Emterra: Shane Campbell, a representative of Emterra, presented facts regarding the services available. The recycle program could begin January 1st, 2015 and would be a single stream collection (no need to separate recycle items). The items would include glass, plastic bags, paper and cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, and plastics #'s 1- 7. There still would be no Styrofoam recycling. The dumpster is 8 cubic yards and would be available weekly. Kelterborn asked what were the dimensions of an 8 cu. yard dumpster? Mr. Campbell agreed to email supervisor with measurements, but assured Board it would be more than adequate for our size township. Also, during the slow months of winter collections, they could haul the dumpster every other week as needed and adjust the monthly charge to “per pull” or half the charge. Otherwise it would be hauled weekly at the cost of \$85/month plus fuel surcharges. Fuel charges would not vary. There would be no one hired to watch the separation of materials as it is single stream. It would be up to the residents to comply with the dumping of acceptable items. When questioned about putting recycle items in clear plastic bags, Mr. Campbell stated it would be better to just have it loosely dumped as it will all have to be separated at the recycle site later. Mr. Campbell stated that Emterra could offer 32 gallon recycle bins for residents to use but that would be an added cost to them or the Township. A written proposal will be presented at the December Board Meeting. Resident Jerry Pobanz suggested

changing the Transfer Station days to once on the weekend and once during the week, perhaps Sunday and Wednesday, during the summer, instead of both weekend days. That would aid in disposal of trash through the week. The Board agreed to consider, and suggested a survey of the residents as to their preference. McCallum will also check cost of residential recycle bins. McCallum asked for comments from the floor. One man stated that he had recycle bins given to him for free at his home in another county. Hartsell and McCallum both commented that with curbside pickup the cost of the bins is included in the garbage pick-up charge.

Township Hall- Nothing more to report until Mr. Gotts responds to our letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change the December Board Meeting Date- McCallum requested changing the December 15, 2014 regular Board meeting due to the need for her to attend a hearing in Lansing, Mi. on behalf of the township at 9 A.M. Dec. 16th. During discussion, Board suggested change of time to 1 P.M. and added a Christmas celebration following the meeting, open to Lake Township constituents and friends. Motion made by Kelterborn to change regular Dec. Board meeting to Dec. 18, 2014 at 1 P.M. with a time of refreshments to follow. Seconded by Hartsell. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk will post a notice on the Township door, the Township website, and forward to the list-serve within 3 days. McCallum will have something published in the View, also.

Huron County Road Commission Progress Billing- Board reviewed the Huron Co. Road Commission billing. Fischer questioned why parking area listed twice. One is for crack seal at the parking area of the Hall, and the other is for the painting of the Handicap parking area. Road Commission Billing ready for payment as of the December bills.

Newsletter - McCallum suggested including a septic information pamphlet with the newsletter/tax mailings if enough copies could be obtained from the Health Department. Motion made by Hartsell and supported by Kelterborn to include Septic System pamphlets if available. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills- Kelterborn motioned to pay the bills. Fischer seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVED MINUTES

Kelterborn questioned if there are any Board positions that are expiring as of Dec. 31st, 2014? The Board of Review needs to be reinstated and McCallum will check with the Board at the December 9th meeting to see if all are agreeable to serving another term.

It was noted that the Agenda was printed with a wrong date for the Board of Review- December 6th, but it should have been Tuesday, Dec. 9th. The Board of Review meeting is to correct clerical errors and PRE's.

Also, ZBA board member, Michael Manenti's term will be up. McCallum will check with him about continuing.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried. Adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk