

**LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 17, 2015**

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 P.M. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Dorothy Fischer, Claren Russell, Dale Hartsell, Clay Kelterborn. Guests: 2

**Approval of the Agenda:** Added to Correspondence Road Commission Invoice and Smith Tree Service. Motion by Kelterborn and seconded by Fischer to approve agenda as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Regular Board Minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup> and Special Board Minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 presented. Motion by Hartsell, and supported by Kelterborn to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports from the Board Officers:**

**Supervisor:** A decision was made at the Board Special Meeting to discontinue Sheriff patrol services due to the overtime rates and the inability to patrol at requested times of the Board. We received a letter from the Sheriff giving the details of times/costs and the Township Board agreed that the deputies will still be able to enforce State laws and respond to citizen complaints.

**Treasurer:** Team One Credit Union CD matured as of the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. It has been rolled over to a higher interest of 1% for one year. Also noted the two CD's recently purchased from Independent Bank have been corrected to 1 year at 1% APR, APY also.

**Clerk:** Reservations for September Training Retreats for Board members are due in by the end of August.

**Trustees:** Hartsell has faxed the Safety Committee Minutes to the Township office as of this morning.

Kelterborn -Roofing bids for reroofing the back of the Township Hall are still being accepted. In other business, the Township roads seem to be in good condition as the Road Commission has been working on them.

**Correspondence:** The CAFPA minutes, the Zoning Administrator's Report and the Building Inspector's Report and the Planning Committee minutes are in the packets.

A letter from Comcast states the C-Span 2 will be taken away from Basic Cable.

A memo from CAFPA has been received encouraging people who have alarm systems to have someone with a key ready to respond incase of an emergency alarm and be within 30 minutes of the residence. It was agreed to put the memo on our website and send it out on the list serve. We also will include it in the mailing of the winter taxes.

The Road Commission billing was reviewed.

Several phone calls were made to tree services to get bids to remove a dead tree from the back of the Township Hall. One company, Smith Tree Service, dropped off a bid to remove it and the stump for \$520. He also stated that he has liability insurance that he would drop off if we needed a copy of it. Kelterborn motioned to accept the bid on the condition the copy of liability insurance be submitted. Fischer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Petitions/Public Comments:** None.

**Payment of the Bills:** Additions to the bills: Add the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission meeting attendees, Tina Main, EFTPS, and Emterra. Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer to pay the bills as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:** 2014-15 Audit for the Lake Township reviewed. Motion by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn, to accept the audit as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Target Shooting- Sand Road is still a problem. McCallum spoke to the DNR within the last year, and requested they consider closing the Rush Lake area to target shooting (not hunting), but the DNR did not agree. There are no police complaints, nor damages to personal property registered by the Sheriff Department. Still we have Township residents who are complaining to the Township. McCallum volunteered to attend the National Resources Commission's September meeting if there were letters, and possibly enough interested residents to make an appearance at the NRC Lansing meeting. Kelterborn asked if it would be wise to consult our new attorney for laws and/or legal ways to correct this nuisance. McCallum said she had already talked to the previous attorney and the current one and they were in agreement there was no law against the target shooting as it stands now. Kelterborn stated he felt trips to Lansing were useless as the DNR has already stated there is no problem with the laws and the State land. The situation seems to need documentation by the Sheriff's office when untimely or dangerous shooting is occurring, and when property is damaged by stray bullets. The old adage, "The noisy cog gets the grease" seems true to this situation so residents should be encouraged to call the Sheriff's office whenever they feel the shooting is dangerous or illegal. An article would be appropriate in our Winter Newsletter addressing this issue again.

**New Business:**

L-4029/Resolution for Millage Rate Authorization was presented to the Board. The rates would remain the same-.9251 mills for General Operating, 1.5000 mills for Township Roads and Gypsy Moth Suppression, and .6000 mills for CAFPA special assessment. Motioned by Hartsell, and seconded by Kelterborn, the roll call vote was as follows: Aye- Hartsell, McCallum, Kelterborn, Fischer, Russell. Nay-None. **Resolution 2016-16** adopted.

Propane for 2015-16 Winter season- Huron Gas submitted a propane contract covering now through March 31, 2016. The Board chose to purchase prebuy for a total of \$1,650.56 and it be added to the approved bills . Motion made by Kelterborn and seconded by Hartsell. All in favor, motion carried.

Township Credit Card- Due to purchases and reservations demanding immediate payment, the clerk suggested the Township needs its own credit card. At this time, employees have been using their personal credit cards and then waiting for reimbursement. It was agreed to sign up for a credit card through Independent Bank, pre-authorize the clerk and the deputy clerk to use it, and to set a limit of \$2,500. Motion by Kelterborn and seconded by Hartsell. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

McCallum reminded the attendees the Township picnic is August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M. at Oak Beach. The Planning Commission is having their regular meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Fischer motioned to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. Kelterborn seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk