

**LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY**  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Clay Kelterborn, Dorothy Fischer, Dale Hartsell and Claren Russell. Guests: 3.

**Agenda:** Kelterborn added Township Hall repairs to Old Business. Motion made by Hartsell to approve agenda with addition, seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Hartsell, and seconded by Kelterborn to approve the August 17, 2015 Board Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports from Board Officers:**

**Supervisor-** Noticed that the power line that connects from the utility pole to the building was lying on the hall roof Friday evening. The insulators that screw into the building had come out. Demand Electric was called to do emergency work Saturday. Also compared costs of the Transfer Station from April 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 to the same time frame last year shows a substantial savings of approximately 1/3 of the 2014 bills.

**Treasurer-** Collected \$524,768 in property taxes in the last two weeks.

**Clerk-** The Deputy Clerk and the Clerk will be out of town tomorrow and Wednesday due to Clerks' Retreat/Training in Boyne Highlands.

**Trustees-** Hartsell-Nothing to report.

Kelterborn- Spoke to Don Vandenberghe regarding township hall repairs. He estimated replacement of the cracked bathroom vent pipe, a new chain and two closures to be added to the storm door, flashing for the roofing between the back portion and the front building, and he will check the flashing around the chimney (which he thinks could be the cause of the ceiling leaks). He will submit a formal proposal if the Board is interested. The work would be done the middle of October. In other business, the Road Commission will be doing shoulder work on Champagne Road. Some driveways need to be built up, which will come out of budgeted money. McCallum noted that Gagetown Road needs crack sealing and there is a hole on the Caseville side. We should check if Caseville is willing to share the cost of the crack sealing for that road, too.

**Correspondence:** CAFPA Minutes, Zoning Administrator's Report, Building Inspector's Report and the Planning Commission Minutes are included in the Board Packets. Also included is the July Sheriff's Patrol reports, and we have received a letter of engagement from Berthiaume & Company, auditor for the coming years of 2015-16 and for four years thereafter. To be discussed further under New Business.

**Petitions/Public Comments:**

Resident Gerry Simmons handed out two copies of nuisance ordinances from other township governments to each member of the Board, and she will be taking a copy of them to the

Sheriff's office also. She is complaining about gun shooting near her house. She feels it is dangerous and someone is going to get hurt.

**Payment of the Bills:** Russell added Tina Main to the bills-\$40. Hartsell motioned to pay the bills as amended, Fischer supported the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

In regards to Don Vandenberghe and the Township Hall repairs, Kelterborn motioned to hire D&R Builders to commence repairs after a written itemization is submitted. Hartsell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

As a result of Mrs. Simmons' complaints of nuisance gun shooting, Kelterborn motioned to refer the situation to our attorney for a written opinion, seconded by Hartsell. Those in favor: McCallum, Kelterborn, Hartsell, Fischer. Opposed: Russell.

**New Business:**

**Special Use Fees-** Due to the potential high cost of Special Use Applications, i.e. mailings, legal fees, publishing costs, mapping, Planning Commission wages, secretary wages it was suggested that the fee might be comparable to the ZBA fee of \$450 as opposed to the current \$350 fee. Kelterborn suggested a \$500 deposit could be initiated and whatever portion was not used could be refunded to the applicant, or a further fee might be requested if it surpassed the cost of the deposit. Hartsell motioned to table discussion until other township's fees could be compared. Fischer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**2015-2016 Auditor-**Berthiaume & Co., current auditors, submitted a letter of engagement for 3 to 5 years, depending on the Board's preference. The first three years would be increased at \$100/year for auditing services including filing the F65, and if accepted, would render the additional two years at no further cost increments (totaling five years ). Fischer motioned to hire auditor Berthiaume & Co. for three years, supported by Kelterborn. Roll call vote: Hartsell-aye, McCallum-aye, Kelterborn-aye, Fischer-aye, Russell-aye. **Resolution 2015-17** adopted.

**Road Brining-** McCallum advised that the Road Commission has questions as to which roads should be brined. Suggestion was made to check with our attorney for liability issues. Motion made by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell to check with attorney regarding potential liability. All in favor, motion carried.

**Zoning Ordinance Assessment/Landplan –** The Planning Commission has been interviewing consultants for updating the Zoning Ordinances and Master Plan. Last month they listened to Mark Eidelson of Landplan and liked his presentation. He had estimated a cost of \$1500 for consultation fees to prepare a summary review of our current zoning ordinance. Kelterborn asked if the Board would approve contracting with Landplan if the Planning Commission recommends doing so at their Wednesday meeting. Fischer motioned to pre-approve contracting with Landplan for the zoning ordinance review if the Planning Commission so chooses, seconded by Hartsell. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

There being no further business, Kelterborn motion to adjourn, Fischer seconded it. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk