

**LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY**

Board of Trustees Minutes

February 15, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Dorothy Fischer, Dale Hartsell, Clay Kelterborn, and Claren Russell. Guests: four.

**Agenda:** Russell added Minutes from the joint meeting of the Planning Commission of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Hartsell moved to accept the agenda with the addition, seconded by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:** January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes reviewed. January 18<sup>th</sup> minutes corrected to include payment of the bills. Motion by Hartsell and seconded by Fischer to approve January 18<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended and approved January 27<sup>th</sup> minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Guest:** Adam Csanyi, not in attendance. Continued to reports and agreed to return to Mr. Csanyi's report regarding ambulance service if he should arrive during the meeting.

**Reports:** Nothing to report from the supervisor, treasurer, clerk or trustees.

**Correspondence:** Included in the packets are the CAFPA Minutes, Zoning Administration Report, Building Inspector's monthly and Annual reports, Landplan Blueprint Meeting #2 agenda/summary, and two sample Anti-Nuisance Ordinances drawn up by the township lawyer. McCallum asked the Board to review the ordinances in preparation for the next Board Meeting. Other correspondence included a letter from Burnham & Flower re: insurance renewal, a letter from the DNR in response to our request for a public hearing to ban target shooting in certain areas of Lake Township which has set a hearing date of March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall. Hartsell was requested to let the Safety Committee know. An email has been received from Allen Ignash expressing concern about pellet gun shooting, a letter from February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 was received setting the annual meeting of the Board with the Huron County Road Commission for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the Drain Office. The MPSC has rejected our request to research the electrical surge of November 1<sup>st</sup>. McCallum said she would research this further. A letter advising the township residents that Consumers Energy will be appearing before the MPSC on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 to consider a rate hike will be posted on the township website and on the bulletin board outside the Township Hall.

**Petitions/Comments:** None.

**Payment of the Bills:** Additions to the bills- hall cleaning of \$50.00, and credit card payment of \$452.36. Hartsell moved to pay the bills as amended, Kelterborn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Quarterly Budget Review-** Motion to move \$1000 from Township Hall Repairs to Township Hall Maintenance, move \$500 from Service Maintenance to Insurance Bonds, move \$100 from Drain-at-Large to Street Lighting, move \$1000 from Dumpster to Recycle. Motion made by Kelterborn, seconded by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

**2016 Dust Control-** No changes since last year's charges. If paid by February 20<sup>th</sup>, a discount of 10% will be applied. There is also an offer to have a third application, if necessary, this summer at a \$.03 per gallon discount off the base price if approved. The billing would not need to be pre-paid, and would be billed after the application. Motion made by Kelterborn, seconded by Fischer, to accept the proposal as offered, including the tentative request for a third application if necessary, and to pay by February 20<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the 10 % discount. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal-** Question was raised as to whether Township would want to increase coverage for:

1. Terrorism action
2. Inland marine (i.e., voting equipment, copy machine...)
3. Property values increase by 3%

The Board agreed that the property value increase was wanted and the cost is \$2.00 annually. Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn to pay the premium to accept renewal proposal with the property value increase of 3%. All in favor, motion carried.

**Preparation of 2016-2017 Annual Budget** - Discussion ensued regarding review of new fiscal year budget. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator, Tory Geilhart, presented his requests for his departments which included raise requests within both departments. He suggested increasing building permit fees for new homes from \$80 per square foot to \$85 due to extra inspection requirements. He also suggested increasing his expense line item for Inspection Fees to \$200 to allow for payment of inspections by the Caseville Building Inspector in the event he was on vacation or had time off, and suggested he could

cover for the Caseville City in like manner. (Caseville's current fee is \$25 to \$35 per inspection.) He is suggesting the Board adopt such a practice. In reporting on his first full year of the combined position of Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector, he is comfortable with the positions. He would like to become more vigilant regarding blight control and patrolling the township to enforce local ordinances. The Board asked if a copy of letters of ordinance enforcement to home owners was being sent to the Township attorney to keep that office abreast of infractions. It was agreed that only copies of second letters in pursuit of infractions were to be sent to the attorney's office.

**Gypsy Moth Spraying:** Caseville is contemplating spraying for gypsy moths this year and asked if we would be doing so. We are not aware of any sightings in our township but agreed to check with the Michigan Extension Services and ask their opinion.

**Oak Beach:** An engineering feasibility for a launch sight at Oak Beach has returned at an estimate of \$258,000. A grant of about half is available but the balance would need to be raised. The County has stated they do not have monies for this and have turned it back to our Township. We do not have money set aside for this project but will turn it over to the citizens who began the quest.

**The Huron County Road Commission** has asked if our township wants to authorize bids for asphaltting Blake and Osborne. Motion made by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn to accept bids for Blake and Osborne. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

There being no further business, Hartsell made a motion to adjourn, Fischer seconded it. All in favor, motion carried. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claren Russell, Clerk