

LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 28TH, 2016 held at Lake Township Hall
4988 W. Kinde Rd., Caseville, Mi. 48725

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Dale Hartsell, Clay Kelterborn, Dorothy Fischer, Claren Russell. Guests: 4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

At 6:32 P.M. the Proposed Budget Hearing for 2016-2017 was opened.

The amount of \$40,000 is budgeted for gypsy moth control. The Township will keep it on the budget although the township does not have any problem with gypsy moths at this time and spraying is not recommended by the Michigan Extension. Floor opened to questions about the budget? Insurance Bond line item will be increased to \$5100. Assessor budget will establish supplies line item to \$2200.00 to purchase postage and new maps. Suggestion made to add the term "Postage/Supplies" to be more explicit with line item and also change Treasurer's line item, "Supplies" to "Postage/Supplies". Board agreed. Other numbers reviewed. A guest asked why the Supervisor has not received a wage increase. Explanation given regarding wage increase procedures for the Board. Clerk questioned raise request for the Bldg.

Inspector/Zoning Administrator. Conversation between the Bldg. Inspector/Zoning Administrator, Tory Geilhart, and the Board ensued regarding the tentative raises requested by Geilhart. Mr. Geilhart also had submitted a report suggesting increases be made for some of the building fees to stay in line with other local government agencies. After much discussion, there being no more points to cover regarding the tentative budget, Hartsell motioned to close the hearing, and Fischer seconded it. All in favor, public hearing closed at 7:38 P.M.

In the minutes of the Feb. 15, 2016 Board Minutes there had been a question on page 2 which referenced an "increase from \$80 to \$85 per square foot..." regarding building of new houses. This monetary valuation term is part of a formula to figure costs of building fees, and is not a reference to an actual cost to the builder or home owner. The minutes were then motioned by Hartsell and seconded by Fischer to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor- A DNR Public Hearing was held March 22, 2016 addressing shooting areas due to some residents' complaints of unsafe conditions in the Rush Lake area caused by random target shooting. There is now a 30 day response period set for residents to lodge a written opinion (forms are at the Township Hall and on the Lake Township website) which should be submitted by April 22, 2016. The final resolve will be made by the DNR sometime after that 30 day limit.

The supervisor has spoken to an electrical engineer of DTE regarding the electrical surge of November 1, 2015 and we expressed it was not an act of God as DTE has eluded to but due to antiquated equipment used in this area. The representative did not want to set precedents

of accepting responsibility and reimbursing claims. McCallum referred to other areas in Michigan who were reimbursed and he will look into it further and get back with us.

The Board of Review is done and it is noted that very few people came in this season and it has been fairly quiet.

Treasurer- Taxes are done being collected by the Township.

Clerk- Another election is planned for the Caseville School district on May 3, 2016. The election will be held at the school.

Trustees- Hartsell stated that the Safety Committee attended the DNR Public Hearing.

Kelterborn reported the Transfer Station is deteriorating and needs repairs. The roof is leaking and the flooring is bad. Local builder, Don Vandeburg, looked at the building and made a list of repairs that need to be addressed. Question was raised if we should let it out for bids? The Board agreed to discuss it further under New Business. Also, spoke to the Road Commission regarding a call about road conditions on James Rd. and Captain's Drive? Will discuss in Old Business.

CORRESPONDENCE: The CAFPA Report, the Building Inspector's Report, the Zoning Administrator Report, the Planning Commission Minutes are included in the Board packets. A lawn maintenance proposal from Paul Santhany has been received. A letter of interest for the position of Tax Board of Review alternate has been received from Len Pilato. As a point of interest, a replicated history article of Lake Township has been received from the Port Austin Area Historical Society.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jerry Pobanz, the chairperson of the Planning Commission, offered the annual report for the Planning Commission. After several interviews for a Township land planner, Mark Eidelson of Land Plan, Inc. has been hired.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Three more bills were added to the bills. Motion made by Hartsell to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

2015-16 Budget Review and Amendments- Motion made by Hartsell to move \$100 to Road Brining from Road Maintenance, supported by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

Anti-Nuisance/Noise Ordinance- Two anti-noise ordinance amendments were drafted by the Township lawyer. McCallum read aloud one ordinance to amend the existing Anti-Noise and Nuisance Ordinance No. 99.2. Russell read aloud the second ordinance to be amended, Ordinance No. 2000-1, the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. After discussion, Hartsell moved to table the ordinances until he can investigate the feasibility of these ordinances. Seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Appropriations Act/2016-2017 Budget- Moved by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer to adopt the proposed budget and the enclosed CAFPA budget. Review of building fees and permits offered by Geilhart with suggestion to consider increasing some in the future. Concluding that discussion, a vote to approve the General Appropriations Act/2016-2017 was

initiated. Roll call vote: Fischer-aye, Kelterborn-aye, McCallum-aye, Hartsell-Aye, Russell.

Resolution 2016-5 adopted.

Attorneys: Township Attorneys are currently Bloom, Sluggett, and Morgan, with local attorneys John Ferris and his daughter to be alternate attorneys as needed. Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer. Roll call vote: Hartsell- aye, McCallum-Aye, Kelterborn-Aye, Fischer-Aye, Russell- Aye. **Resolution 2016-6** adopted.

Millage Levies-Township- The millage levy is based on the same millage levied last year which is 1.5 extra voted, and .9251 on general operating which is subject to the Headlee Rollback of October, 2016. Motion made by Kelterborn to approve current millage levies, seconded by Fischer. Roll call vote: Kelterborn-aye, Fischer-aye, Hartsell-aye, McCallum-aye, Russell-aye. **Resolution 2016-7** adopted.

CAFPA Millage- The CAFPA Millage is presented as unchanged from last year, at .60000. Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn to accept the CAFPA Millage. Roll call vote: Hartsell-aye, McCallum-aye, Fischer-aye, Kelterborn-aye, Russell-Aye. **Resolution 2016-8** adopted.

Tax Collection Administration Fee- One percent(1%) Administration fee to be adopted, motion made by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell. Roll call vote: McCallum-aye, Hartsell-aye, Kelterborn-aye, Fischer-aye, Russell-aye. **Resolution 2016-9** adopted.

Township Depository- Motion to continue with Independent Bank, Thumb National, and Team One Credit Union made by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer. Roll call vote: Hartsell-aye, McCallum-aye, Kelterborn-aye, Fischer-aye, Russell-aye. **Resolution 2016-10** adopted.

Meeting Schedules- The Township Board has chosen to adopt the same schedule as last year which is the third Monday of each month, except March which would be the last Monday of the month due to the approval of the new budget, and the times would be 7:30 P.M. April through October, and 6:30 P.M. November through March. Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer. Roll call vote: Hartsell-aye, Kelterborn-aye, Fischer-aye, Russell-aye, McCallum-aye. **Resolution 2016-11** adopted.

The Planning Commission- Proposal to hold the Planning Commission on the fourth Wednesday of each month except November and December which would be held on the third Wednesday due to holidays, and all meetings would be scheduled for 6:00 P.M. Motion to accept the schedule made by Fischer, seconded by Kelterborn. Roll call vote: McCallum-aye, Kelterborn-aye, Fischer-aye, Hartsell-aye, Russell-aye. **Resolution 2016-12** adopted.

The Ambulance Contract- The contract has been raised to \$4275 and the current contract expires April 1, 2016. Question was raised if we can compare prices of other ambulance services. It was explained that the ambulances are in districts and we are in the Elkton Ambulance district. Motion made to renew the contract by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

Transfer Station- Roof is buckling and leaking quite badly. Kelterborn asked a local builder to look at the job and estimate what needs to be done. That has been submitted with choices and costs. It has been questioned if it must be let out for bids due to cost involved. Hartsell motioned to table decision until next meeting in order to check for legalities of giving job out. Seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

Also, some residents have asked for the Transfer Station to be open on Wednesday during the summer. It was suggested that perhaps on Saturday and Sunday the Transfer Station

could open at 10 A.M. to save a couple hours and then open on Wednesday for four hours during the summer, and if there appears no need for Wednesday during the winter, it would be with the summer hours starting in May through October. The result would be a wage increase of two extra hours a week. It was agreed to check with Dave Ferris to see if he is available for Wednesdays. Also Christmas and New Years' Day come on Sunday this year. It is suggested the Transfer Station be closed on Sunday and open on Monday after the holiday. Also, the Fourth of July is on Monday and many people want to get rid of the trash after that. It was agreed if we are open four hours on Wednesday it would meet that need so the Transfer Station could be closed Monday, July 4th. With the changes of hours and days the pay would be changed from \$84/day to \$12.00 per hour. Motion by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer to table decisions until more research can be completed including checking with the Transfer Station Attendant. All in favor, motion carried.

The Planning Commission Annual Report- Motion made by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to accept the Annual Report that was submitted tonight. All in favor, motion carried.

Lawn Maintenance- Paul Santhany has submitted a request to continue the lawn maintenance with the same costs as last year. Moved by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn to rehire Santhany for the lawn maintenance at the Township Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Board of Review Alternate- Len Pilato has submitted a letter of interest for the position of BOR alternate for the year 2016. Motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer to approve Len Pilato as Board of Review Alternate. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk