

**LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 held at Lake Township Hall**  
**4988 W. Kinde Rd., Caseville, Michigan**

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

**Agenda:** Motion made by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to accept the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Guest: Adam Csanyi of Elkton Ambulance** discussed the ambulance service. Questions were answered regarding EMT training and First Responder training. Costs for the classes are refunded by the Elkton Ambulance service to persons who pass the class provided they live within three miles of Elkton and are willing to work for the ambulance service for atleast two years upon graduation. If Lake Township would like to send a person or persons to the classes to increase First Responders in our area, it was suggested that the Board could budget reimbursement costs similar to Elkton's practice. At present there are two First Responders in Lake Township but it was noted that they are a couple who take vacations together which leaves us without a First Responder. Csanyi noted that the Elkton Ambulance is always looking for qualified persons to join.

**Minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016** were motioned for approval by Hartsell, and seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Correspondence between DTE and the Supervisor is on-going regarding November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 electrical surge that caused damage in the Lake Township area including the Township Hall, and we are waiting DTE's response at this time. The Supervisor, Clerk, and the representatives from CAFPA, Len Pilato and Kelley Smith, met April 12<sup>th</sup> and discussed opening the search for a new First Responder in the area, perhaps through the fire department. Pilato and Smith were in agreement and will take it back to the CAFPA Board. A guest in the audience questioned if there would be payment of tuition for classes. Kelterborn expressed that there should be reimbursement if the person graduates from EMT classes and is willing to work for the Township for atleast 2 years and that would be up to the Board to decide.

**Treasurer:** A CD at Thumb National Bank has come due. Since the interest rate is low at this time, it was cashed in and deposited into the savings account. The Treasurer will look for higher interest rates at other banking institutions and report to the Board at the next monthly Board meeting.

**Clerk:** Nothing to report.

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

**Kelterborn-**James Road residents have asked for gravel to be administered to James Road. Other quotes from the Road Commission: McIlhargie Rd, resurfacing at the cost of \$18,000. Since there are no homes on that part, and no ditching, it was suggested to apply processed gravel rather than quarry stone changing the cost to about \$12,000 as it is about

\$4.00 per ton cheaper. Old Coach Rd needs stone at an estimated cost of \$4000. Etzler Rd. (at 1 ¼ miles between State Pk. Rd. and Griggs Rd.) is quoted at \$24,000. James Dr. from M-25 to Arbutus has a quote but probably needs resurfacing all the way to the end. Captains Drive needs gravel but didn't get a quote on that. A letter signed by several residents of James Drive stated that it needed resurfacing, that it is very dusty and, when rained on, becomes muddy due to very little gravel. Kelterborn agreed. He also stated that Blake and Osborne Drive need resurfacing at the cost of approximately \$110,381. If we are to do it in June or July as the County Road Commission suggested, it is important to send letters to the property owners. A guest commented that Old Coach Rd. also needs graveling and that once it is graded the potholes reappear the next day.

**Correspondence:** In the Board's packets are the CAFPA Minutes, the Zoning Administrator's Report and the Building Inspector's Report. Also included are the road estimates and the letter from the residents of James Dr. which Kelterborn already covered during the Trustee Report.

**Petitions/Public Comments:** No petitions. David Ferris requested to discuss the Transfer Station and the possibility of changing the hours and adding a Wednesday for collection. He states the Transfer Station is often busy on Sunday mornings when tourists are heading home and getting rid of the trash from the weekend. McCallum stated some residents have asked to open the Transfer Station in the middle of the week during the summer to avoid the stench of held-over garbage. Agreed to discuss further under Old Business.

**Old Business:**

**Anti-Nuisance/Noise Ordinances-** Hartsell checked with the Sheriff Department and found they would not be able to enforce Lake Township Ordinances unless they are contracting with us. The Sheriff Department is short-handed at this time and it would be difficult to supply extra patrol service as done in the past. Also, once someone is on State land, our law is not enforceable; it would be up to the State laws. Question was raised if the DNR officers are able to be sworn in to enforce Lake Township ordinances, would have to check. Hartsell stated that the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (No. 2000-1) states the Supervisor or the Zoning Administrator could approach the offenders shooting and issue a ticket. He does not agree that anyone except a police officer should approach the situation of shooting. Therefore, it is suggested that Article 3, Section 4 be eliminated. McCallum appreciated that the Noise Abatement eliminated the need for a decibel meter. It was noted that DNR can enforce State laws, even on private land, but it is doubtful that they could enforce our ordinances. Hartsell wants to table the subject and do more research on enforcement. McCallum suggested copying the original ordinances for the next meeting to have comparison with the tentative amended ordinances and determine if they are an improvement worth adopting. Hartsell said the problem will be the reference to firearms which are difficult to enforce. One positive result of the amendment to Ordinance 99-2, the Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance, is the change from a misdemeanor to a municipal civil infraction. Hartsell motioned to table ordinance amendments until next Board meeting, and it was seconded by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

**Transfer Station-** Regarding repairs as of last Board Meeting, according to the MTA anything under \$20,000 may be awarded without bids as long as the Township has no further policy. That being said, the estimate submitted by D&R Builders was reviewed. The Transfer Station will need to have the foundation stabilized by installing new cement around base of six poles, installing new steel to the back of the building, and replacing a cannon ball track for the front of the building's sliding door. That estimate is \$2850. Discussed roofing with steel or asphalt shingles. All in agreement to accept D&R estimate for building repairs and using asphalt shingles at cost of \$4387.50. Motion by Hartsell, and seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried. A question was raised if something could be done at the recycle bin area where it gets muddy easily. We could consider after the building improvement is completed. Also, we will consult with the Sheriff Department, Doug Gentner, to have clean-up of Transfer Station area by prisoner work detail.

Discussion ensued about changing hours through the summer at the Transfer Station to accommodate people who would like to drop off garbage/brush during the middle of the week. Mr. Ferris, the attendant, feels Sunday hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. should stay the same as people going home on Sundays use dump services early in the morning. Saturdays could start at 10 a.m. and continue as usual to 4 p.m. It was proposed that Wednesday the Transfer Station could be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The new hours would commence with the beginning of the summer operations, May, 2016. Also it would be posted on our website and flyers would be made to pass out at the Transfer Station. Station Attendant wages would be calculated hourly. A sign would have to be made for the fence reflecting new hours. The Transfer Station will be closed Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Christmas and New Years are on Sunday. Transfer Station will be closed those Sundays and, instead, Mondays, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be open. Kelterborn motioned summer business hours for the Transfer Station changed as follows:

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| Saturdays  | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| Sundays    | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  |
| Wednesdays | 2 p.m.-6 p.m.  |

Wages will be on an hourly basis. Seconded by Hartsell. All in Favor, motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

**Permit Fees:** Building Permit fee schedule revised as suggested by the Building Inspector. Based on his research, fees are comparable to local area. Motion made by Fischer, and seconded by Kelterborn to adopt fees as submitted. All in favor, motion carried. It was noted, regarding demolitions, that wells must be closed as a safety concern. Agreed to check with Geilhart as to how that is followed up on-Building Permit or Site Plan? Also, motion made by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to revise site plan fees for Decks & Porches to \$50. All in favor, motion carried. Fence, signs and retaining walls would fall under miscellaneous at \$25.

**Road Work:** Continued conversation regarding road work. James and Captains Roads need to be resurfaced. James Road should be done to the end of the road, not just to Arbutus, as quoted. Agreed to request another bid. Since McIlhargie Road has only one house, and Etzler has no houses, it was suggested using gravel rather than quarry stone as it is cheaper, and we will ask for a revised bid for those roads. Queried if Blake and Osborne should be resurfaced this year or next. Motion made by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to resurface Blake and

Osborne this year. All in favor, motion carried. Letters will need to be sent to residents of those two streets advising them when roads will be done. Also residents can make arrangements with the Road Commission if they want their driveways resurfaced.

Discussion ensued about brush spraying. Last year half of the township roads were sprayed (with a 100 foot set back from resident's property). Do we want to do the other half this year? Board agreed to check with Road Commission about brush tool that cuts down the weeds first.

**Payment of Bills:** Added Hall Cleaning and F&G Business Machines to the bills. Motion made by Hartsell to pay bills with additions. Motion was seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** No further business or public comments. Motion by Kelterborn and seconded by Hartsell to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk