

**LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
4988 W. KINDE RD., CASEVILLE, MI.
TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Dorothy Fischer, Dale Hartsell, Clay Kelterborn, Claren Russell. Guests: 1.

Agenda: Added to the agenda was a news article about the Michigan Senate approving the renewable portfolio standard, Caseville recycling, and secretary wages. Hartsell motioned to approve the agenda with three additions and Kelterborn supported it. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Minutes: Motion by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to approve the October 17, 2016 Board Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports from the Board Officers

Supervisor: Nothing.

Treasurer: Report is in the packets of the Board. Nothing further.

Clerk: In regards to the Presidential election held Nov. 8, 2016, Lake Township processed 499 ballots.

Trustees: Kelterborn-Nothing.

Hartsell-Nothing.

Correspondence: Included in the Board packets: the CAFPA minutes, Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector reports, Planning Commission Minutes.

Comcast has sent a notice of price changes effective January 1st. Agreed to post on the Lake Township website.

Michigan Public Service Commission deliberated on DTE requests today in Lansing.

Notification from the Road Commission regarding Road Ratings is included in the packets for review.

Email from the Sheriff Department was received offering a written annual statistical report rather than a personal representative from the Sheriff's office coming to the meeting. Question was presented if we would rather receive a written report annually or a Sheriff's representative come to the meeting to present the figures. It was agreed by the Board to choose a written report from now on, unless questions should come up which would require a representative. The Clerk agreed to email the Sheriff's office to notify them of said decision.

The Michigan Senate has passed legislation approving an increase in the renewable energy standard, while maintaining the 10% cap on retail choice and increasing requirements on alternative suppliers. Consensus of the Board was that 10% is more than enough coverage of alternative energy, as it is now.

Petitions/Public Comments: The guest stated that he has had very poor service from Comcast Cable TV. He will contact the company via the information on the Comcast letter to complain.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Kelterborn, seconded by Fischer to pay the bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Road Work: Regarding the ongoing complaint on a driveway approach on Blake Drive, the Road Commission states it is too late this season to correct the approach but will have it scheduled for spring. It could be done in concrete but Mr. Donnelly of the Road Commission will discuss that with the resident.

We have received a quote from JP Tree Service of \$1400 to trim trees on Arbutus, Captain and Old Coach roads. Motion was made by Kelterborn, seconded by Hartsell, to accept the quote and submit a work order. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Bank Accounts/New Deputy Treasurer: A new Deputy Treasurer has been chosen by the Treasurer to replace Pat Smith. The new Deputy Treasurer's name is Lisa Elliott, and she is to be added to the Lake Township bank accounts. Motion to add Deputy Treasurer name to bank accounts made by Hartsell, and seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution to Oppose State Renewable Energy Mandates: A proposed resolution was read by McCallum expressing opposition to any increase in the renewable energy capacity portfolio and demands assurances that local control of wind energy zoning be preserved. Short discussion ensued with the Board in agreement with the resolution as presented. Motion by Kelterborn to adopt Resolution 2016-16 and supported by Fischer. Roll call vote: Hartsell-aye, Russell-aye, McCallum-aye, Kelterborn-aye, Fischer-aye. **Resolution 2016-16 to Oppose Increased State Renewable Energy Mandates** adopted.

Recycling: Caseville Township has asked if Lake Township would be willing to allow Caseville to use the Transfer Station Recycling program, and would be willing to share the cost. The Board discussed advantages versus disadvantages and decided not to allow the Township of Caseville access to the recycling program for the following reasons:

- 1.) there is already a large usage of the 2 recycle bins and it is doubtful there would be room for a third one
- 2.) our Transfer Station attendant is already loaded with work taking care of the Lake Township residents and verifying local users
- 3.) the dirt road into the Transfer Station would be susceptible to more usage causing need for reconditioning more often

Therefore, the Board was in agreement that it would not be a good decision. The Clerk will notify the Caseville Township Clerk.

Secretary Wages: The office secretary has asked if the Board would consider paying wages for days the office is closed due to holidays. The Board has noted that 20 hours per year has been given for discretionary use recently. She also is able to make up hours by coming in early and/or staying late, or working on days closed. It was commented that an hourly raise may be considered for the 2017-2018 budget but no further paid leave days will be approved at this time.

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Public Comments: The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. December 19th and, since it is the Christmas season, we may bring finger foods for after the meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Hartsell and supported by Fischer to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk