

**LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
4988 W. KINDE RD., CASEVILLE, MI.
RECONVENED AUGUST 20, 2019
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Clay Kelterborn, Dale Hartsell, Nicole Collins, Claren Russell. Guests: apx. 23. Public Hearing reconvened at 9:05 A.M. McCallum reviewed questions regarding curbside trash pickup with Emterra and answered them. Points covered:

1. Private roads are responsible for their own snow removal, as always. This allows, not only trash pickup services, but emergency vehicle access as needed.
2. Emterra presently has 285 fulltime residents signed up now, and many part-time, that fluctuate throughout the year.
3. Regarding Transfer Station composting, the question was asked if it would remain open if we go to curbside pickup. It can be talked about at the meeting in Old Business during the curbside pickup decisions.
4. What would happen with commercial hand stop places which already have dumpsters to service multiple rentals? McCallum explained the dumpster service would remain and these commercial businesses would not be in the individual curbside billings.

The Road Commission reports trash cans at the public parks in Lake Township have increased trash on weekends and Mondays due to trash brought to the parks. The Caseville Family Market has recently had to pull out the Thumb Industries recycle trailer due to people dumping trash. Mattresses and trash have been found in the Rush Lake area and along ditches due to people not disposing of their trash appropriately. Curbside would give people a way to get rid of trash legally and easily.

Kelterborn explained previous attempts to maintain the Transfer Station, including looking into electrical service years ago, recently stabilizing the foundation and roof at a cost of approximately \$5000, rebuilding the compactor a few years ago at \$3000, and continual gravel upkeep on the road. Potable water is unlikely as the property is contaminated by the previous use as a dump site.

The major reason the Transfer Station is due to be closed is the lack of any applicant for the job that Dave Ferris is planning to retire from. We have substitutes but no one who wants the responsibility full time. Collins pointed out that it requires a person who must be able to lift 50 lbs. if needed, and handle money in a trustworthy manner.

There being no further discussion, Hartsell motioned to close the Public Hearing at 9:20 A.M. It was supported by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: There was a comment from a resident questioning Lake Township's lack of involvement in the recent Military Flyover proposition for Huron County. McCallum noted that a resolution was adopted by this Board at the July meeting and was sent to Federal, State, and

County Boards and representatives, as well as the Air National Guard opposing this practice in our community. Hume Township took a copy of it to modify and send their own version accordingly. Also, a speaker from the Quiet Skies Coalition in June 2019 came to our regular Board meeting for a presentation on the Military Flyover proposal.

Treasurer: Taxes are being collected and processed well.

Clerk: Nothing.

Trustees: Hartsell-nothing. Kelterborn-nothing.

Correspondence:

CAFPA Minutes, Zoning Administrator's Report, Building Inspector's Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and MPSC DTE notice of hearing September 4th, 2019. Huron County Road Commission has sent an Invoice. Champagne Road estimate is over due to repairing a soft spot in the repaving area, and the extension of asphalt needed to pave beyond the crossroad 100 feet.

Petitions/Public Comments:

Richard Steffes suggested letting residents sign up independently if they want curbside pickup and for what length of time they need it.

Maryanne Waters- Will the vote by the Board be made in front of the public? McCallum states the vote will be made in a Board Meeting and the decision will also be part of the minutes and posted on the township website.

Collins reminded residents that a decision has not been made yet.

Tom Pierce asked if the Board would be looking at alternatives? If Transfer Station is kept, would it be more cost efficient to get a new building? Or a new location?

McCallum stated the Board would look at that during discussion in Old Business.

Marcia Chasney-Yates – Could the Board make a one-time assessment to update the building at the site?

McCallum answered NO, it is not legal to use an assessment to repair the Transfer Station.

Jim Deming- Understanding the part time residents' complaint, is it possible to assess at two different rates according to full time residents and part time residents?

McCallum stated that Emterra (and other trash companies) only bid for a district as a whole.

Bill Levitz- accepts that there are violators who dump trash at the Philps' park, and Rush Lake. Who pays for that?

McCallum states that we all do, as the Road Commission costs are part of our taxes.

Lou Colletta speculated if the township could pay the attendant at maybe \$30/hr. we might get someone to run it, then could repair the office, fix the gate at \$6000, add electric at \$5-6000, add water, etc., rather than curbside pickup.

Kelterborn cleared up the thought voiced last night that the Transfer Station office wasn't adequate. There is a propane heater that keeps it warm through the winter, it is insulated and has furniture in it.

Old Business:

Road Work- There are 4 trees to be removed on Sand Rd. The Road Commission will send an estimate. McCallum will send in a work order.

Curbside Trash/Recycling Proposal/Special Assessment- The Public Hearing Notices were sent out to 1331 residents. The letters received plus the people who spoke at the Public Hearing last night added to approximately 220 residents. The Road Commission estimates 75% of the trash from Thompson Park, Philips Park and Oak Beach is from other than the park users. Emterra states they service 285 fulltime customers in our township plus a varying amount of residents that subscribe for different amounts of time due to part-time status. This month of August they have a total of 301 residents. The Transfer Station deed states the property is given for this use a minimum of 2 days in the Spring, and 2 days in the Fall. If the Transfer Station were to close, this might allow the composting to continue during those seasons. Moved by Kelterborn and supported by Hartsell to refer the deed to the Township attorney for legal advice. All in favor, motion carried.

Kelterborn reviewed the history of the property. Due to the previous use as a dump site, the building's foundation is not supported. The building is starting to sag again. Potable water is not an option due to the waste that was buried. The real problem is still no employee. After advertising 4 weeks, there was no response. Caseville local businesses have had signs up needing help all summer, and Hartsell states Pt. Austin has been unable to fill a police job. Sand Beach Township has a Transfer Station and they are only open Saturdays, 8-1 P.M. Perhaps less hours would work for someone. McCallum states that a decision needs to be made as the second public notice would have to go out soon in order to implement a Special Assessment on this winters' tax statement, if that is what we need to do. Kelterborn suggested 48 hours be given as an application had been picked up Monday. A Special Meeting could be held Thursday to consider employment if it were returned. If not, we would have time to continue with a final decision regarding the Transfer Station. Moved by Hartsell to table decision until Thursday, August 22 at 10 A.M. at a Special Meeting, seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

L-4029/Resolution approving 2019 Millage Rates- Moved by Hartsell, seconded by Kelterborn to adopt Resolution 2019-15 approving 2019 Millage Rates. Roll call vote: Ayes- Kelterborn, Collins, McCallum, Hartsell and Russell. Nays- none. Resolution adopted.

Planning Commission Appointment: Maryanne Williams has been willing to fill the vacancy created by Randy Armstead's ' resignation. His position expires December 31, 2019. Motion made by Kelterborn, supported by Collins to appoint Maryanne Williams to the Planning Commission Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Added to the bills-Sandy Pobanz for Hall Cleaning \$40.00 and Building Code membership for Tory Gielhart at \$135. Moved by Kelterborn, and seconded by Collins to pay the bills with 2 additions. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: Richard Steffes is in favor of raising the hourly wage for the Transfer Station attendant to \$25/hour. Tom Pierce suggested upgrading the water and electricity at the Transfer Station though attendant has bottled water. Mr. Pierce also states he walks and rides bike almost everyday in Lake Township for several miles, and does not notice trash strewn around (other than one time), and he suggested we try no curbside service for those who don't

want to participate and see if trash shows up. He also asked if the Township had received an application yet? The answer was no. Ms. Chasney-Yates suggested if the second Public Hearing were to be scheduled, to make it on a Saturday or Sunday in the middle of the day to allow cottage/home owners to come from other areas and jobs in order to voice their opinion, also. It was noted residents can send a letter or email also, to voice their opinion. Jerry Pobanz noted the only reason to drill a well on that property would be to put out a fire if smoldering brush caught fire. John Chasney suggested eliminating Recycle pickup if contracting with Emterra for the township, in order to lower cost.

There being no further comments, Hartsell motioned to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. It was supported by Collins. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk