

LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
4988 W. KINDE RD., CASEVILLE, MI. 48725
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of DECEMBER 16, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Clay Kelterborn, Nicole Collins, Dale Hartsell and Claren Russell. Guests-6.

Agenda: Added to the Agenda 3 correspondences. Moved by Hartsell, supported by Collins to approve the Agenda with 3 additions. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019 made by Hartsell, seconded by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: DTE attended Hume Township Meeting. The Michigan Public Service Commission has allocated funds to DTE to cut down dead ash trees beyond easement boundaries as long as they have permission from the property owners. Regarding recent electrical surges experienced, residents are encouraged to file a claim with DTE.

Treasurer: Deputy Treasurer Lisa Clinton will be replaced by Sheri Stanton as of today. Banks and Credit Unions doing business with Lake Township will be notified for replacing signatures as soon as possible. New Clerk appointment tonight will also be included in signature replacements at banking institutions doing business with the Township.

Clerk: This will be the final month for current Clerk due to resignation as of Dec. 31, 2019. New Clerk will be appointed in the New Business section of tonight's meeting.

Trustees: Kelterborn- Nothing to report.

Hartsell – Nothing to report.

Correspondence – Received email; Dana Nessel, Michigan Attorney General, filed lawsuit against Enbridge requesting an orderly shutdown of Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinaw . This aging pipeline (66 years old) in the heart of the Great Lakes creates environmental concerns, citing anchorage damage and operational failure as two examples. The AG stated studies have shown alternative methods of delivery are available without creating any shortages. Propane prices may increase 11 cents per gallon and gasoline prices by 3 cents per gallon because of these alternate methods. Local support expressing concerns is still needed. Contact your elected officials to express your concerns.

Received email; Terry Ross, Huron County Quiet Skies, and Cliff Stuehmer will be meeting with Brigadier General Taft and 1st Lieutenant Layton of Michigan National Guard on Tuesday, December 17th to discuss changes to allow tactical fighter jet training over our area. U.S. Airforce environmental study is currently underway to permanently establish changes to the Alpena Special Use airspace, including Steelhead Military Operation Area which covers Huron

County. Quiet Skies has maintained the process is flawed and is seeking changes. These are not simple flyovers but instead involve complicated combat maneuvering. This creates concerns with air and noise pollution. Continued local input is necessary. Please contact your elected officials to express your concerns.

Received letter – Huron County Road Commission sent letter requesting any proposed paving projects for 2020. Included in the letter were ratings for the paved roads in the township. Champagne Road starting at Etzler Road and continuing north 1 mile was the worst rated road in the township. The Road Commission would like our proposed project list by mid-January, 2020.

Received letter – Supervisor read letter from Jim Deming expressing interest in the clerk position vacated by Claren Russell, effective January 1, 2020.

Received email - Charles Mauch on Blake Drive sent email stating they had collected egg masses and witnessed caterpillars this year from gypsy moths. Larry Crews, Section 16, Port Austin Road, stopped at office to say he has found the same on both sides of Port Austin Road. This is a good response to newsletter.

Received notification from DEQ that Frank Colagiovanni has submitted an application for a permit to reroute a drainage ditch on property located at 5226 Port Austin Road, Caseville. The DEQ will be accepting public comments until January 2nd on this proposed project.

Comcast announced fee increases for broadcast and regional sports networks.

We have received a bid for the electrical service at the transfer station from Mr. Steffes. This included two options from DTE for their portion of the installation.

MTA sent a brochure for board member education.

Petitions/Public Comments: None.

Old Business:

Road Work Invoice- Invoice received for \$59,552.33 for year of 2019. Another invoice should be coming for tree removal. Hartsell moved to pay current bill after January 1, 2020. Motion was supported by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

Transfer Station Electrical- Kelterborn questioned the discrepancy between the two bids from DTE for the service installation at the transfer station. After reviewing the bids, he noted that the cost of the shorter service installation was significantly more than the longer installation. Russell suggested we table the discussion and ask for further clarification from DTE as to the discrepancy. Motion by Kelterborn supported by Hartsell to table discussion until the January meeting.

New Business:

Draft Zoning Ordinance - Planning Commission recommended approval of the Draft Zoning Ordinance. The planning commission had Attorney Mike Homier, who assisted with the wind ordinance, look over just that portion of the ordinance to ensure there were no conflicts with other sections. Before approving the ordinance, McCallum recommended having Cliff Bloom review the ordinance.

One item of note is property located in Section 13 on Oak Beach Road, at the old bar location. This is zoned commercial. Part of this commercial zone overlaps a portion of a neighboring residential parcel. This results in a parcel being in two zoning districts. This is part of the old ordinance. The zoning ordinance can be adopted as is or with corrections. Land Plan stated this is not a good practice and recommended correcting this issue.

Collins noted we are not currently issuing land use permits for driveways, causing problems. A driveway may encroach on neighboring parcels without some type of regulation. It is suggested that a land use permit be required to alleviate this problem. At one point, it was required to have a land use permit for a driveway but that requirement was taken out of the draft ordinance.

A motion by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn was made to refer the Draft Zoning Ordinance to Cliff Bloom for review. All in favor, motion carried. The issue will be taken up at the January Board meeting.

2019 Projected Road Work (for asphalt bids)- Since the repair project for Champagne Road has begun as of this past summer, it was agreed to get estimate on second mile or mile and a half from Kinde Road north. Motion made by Collins, seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

McCallum stated gypsy moth spraying may be necessary again this year. No bids have been solicited but the cost was approximately \$50,000 in 2017.

Appointments were discussed at this time;

Zoning Board of Appeals: 3 year terms

Jeanne Henry's term expires, Ron Koen and John Bondy are 2 alternates. J. Henry and R. Koen are willing to continue on the board. Marty Maurer is willing to replace John Bondy as an alternate.

Planning Commission: 3 year term

Maryanne Williams is completing Randy Armstead's term and is willing to serve another term.

CAFPA – Marty Maurer willing to continue for 6 year term.

Construction Board of Appeals – 2 year term

Dan McIlharge, Chad Schweitzer and David Krebs are willing to serve.

Township Clerk – Jim Deming willing to complete C. Russell's term for one year.

Moved by Hartsell, supported by Collins to accept all appointments as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: Added to the bills was Hall Maintenance. Moved by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to pay the bills with one addition. All in favor, motion carried.

Public comments: Ken Kapa expressed interest in working with the Township Commissions, with the exception of the Board of Review. Supervisor encouraged him to send in a letter of interest including his preferences and it will be held in abeyance for future consideration as appointments come up.

Adjournment: Motion made by Hartsell to adjourn, seconded by Kelterborn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk