

Approved Minutes August 17, 2020

**Lake Township, Huron County
Board of Trustees Meeting &
Public Budget Hearing
4988 W. Kinde Rd., Caseville, MI.
August 17, 2020**

Due to Covid 19 pandemic, meeting was held via teleconference.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Roll Call: Present – Valerie McCallum, Clay Kelterborn, Nicole Collins, Dale Hartsell, Jim Deming. There were four members of the public attending.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn to approve agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Board of Trustee minutes from July 20, 2020: Motion by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Board of Trustee/ Planning Commission Joint meeting minutes from July 22 & 29, 2020: Motion by Kelterborn, supported by Collins to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports from Township Officials

Supervisor- Lake Road Easement Case – Original Plaintiff has filed claim with Court of Appeals. No date set for review by Court.

Treasurer- Submitted

Clerk – Due to issues involving the postal service, our office encourages the Absentee Voters to submit their ballot either in person or utilize the drop box located in the south vestibule of the Township Hall located at 4988 W. Kinde Rd, Caseville, MI. A notice of the same will be placed on the township website.

Trustees – Nothing to report

Zoning Administrator- Due to an increase in real estate activity and above average number of visitors to the township this summer, zoning questions and complaints have increased substantially. Because people are spending more time here due to the pandemic, building projects have also increased. This has been unusually difficult to manage on a timely basis, although now the administrator feels he is closer to meeting the demand. A typical autumn surge in building activity may further complicate issue resolution.

Rentals also have become a larger issue, due to blight or incorrect usage. Short and long term rentals present different issues. Long term issues are typically blight related whereas short term rental complaints are typically usage and occupancy.

Correspondence

CAFPA – Submitted

Zoning Administrator report– Submitted

Building Inspector – Submitted

Letter dated July 17 from Jan Golitko, Steven's Subdivision – Letter addresses concerns over short term rentals and is being addressed by Zoning Administrator

EGLE Permits – Two received for seawall installation/repair

Petitions/Public Comments – The issue of shooting (Target Practice) in a residential area was presented. The resident inquires as to whether the township had an ordinance against this practice. Shooting is regulated by the State. The Township is not allowed to adopt an ordinance more restrictive than the State Law. The Board will investigate options further.

A second resident thanked the Supervisor and Zoning Administrator for their work in resolving a past blight issue.

It was asked whether a map identifying the easements in the Township could be published on the website for residents to review. A large map is at the township hall. The option for a user friendly map on the website is being pursued.

Old Business - The Preparedness & Response Plan for Reopening the Township Office was due to expire on August 17, 2020. A motion was made by Deming, supported by Collins to extend the Plan until October 19, 2020 Board meeting and to review at that time. All in favor, motion carried. It was emphasized that, although Township Hall access is currently restricted, all township officials are available by phone, email or by appointment if necessary.

Transfer Station – Recycling – The demand for recycling is higher this year and Emterra has no additional recycling containers available. Residents using the recycling are reminded to remove the materials from bags and to be sure that cardboard boxes are broken down to save space in the containers. Non-recyclable items are also being found in the recycle containers.

Options discussed to alleviate the issues were paying extra help to monitor the recycling or charging a user based fee to use the recycling. Due to limited state funding, hiring extra help is not feasible at this time. A modified configuration of the facilities was discussed to allow the attendant to better monitor the operation.

A motion was made by Kelterborn, supported by Hartsell to table the discussion of proposed concrete work for the compactor until the September Board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business – Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Caseville Schools have informed the City of Caseville the school will not be available for the November General Election. The City Council proposed using the Fire Hall for the election and upcoming meetings. The Caseville Township

and the CAFPA Board agreed to this plan. A motion was made by Hartsell, supported by Collins to support the city to using the Fire Hall for meetings until the Covid pandemic is over and for elections until the new Caseville Township Hall is completed. All in favor, motion carried.

Blight Ordinance – The current Blight Ordinance was adopted in 1974. The Property Maintenance Ordinance was also discussed as being awkward to enforce in its current form. It has been suggested the Township adopt a Dangerous and Dilapidated Building Ordinance and also a Junk Ordinance. This would give the Zoning Administrator better tools for enforcement. A motion was made by Kelterborn, supported by Hartsell to have updated versions of these General Ordinances drafted. All in favor, motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee for Rentals –A motion was made by Kelterborn, supported by Hartsell to compile a list of interested parties for the establishment of an ad hoc committee to oversee drafting an Ordinance for rentals, both long and short term. This committee would include a cross section of township residents appointed by the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn to pay bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments – It was suggested recycling be limited to the weekends and a comprehensive list of qualifying addresses within the township be used by transfer station attendant to monitor facility usage.

Adjournment – Motion by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

James Deming, Clerk