

**Lake Township, Huron County  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
4988 W. Kinde Rd., Caseville, MI.  
May 17, 2021  
7:30 P.M.**

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

**Call to Order @ 7:30**

**Present** - Valerie McCallum, Nicole Collins, Clay Kelterborn, Dale Hartsell, James Deming

**Approval of agenda** – Motion offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to approve agenda with deletion of Short Term Rental from Old Business. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of April 19, 2021 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes** – Motion offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to approve April 19, 2021 minutes for both meetings as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports Supervisor** – A second meeting of Short Term Rental Advisory Committee has been held. Mark Eidelson of LandPlan is currently compiling summary for the board. Regulation may be necessary but there is question over township’s ability to regulate and enforce same.

Ron Evans of Evans Aviation has been monitoring Gypsy Moth activity in the area. He predicts spraying will occur in late May or early June.

Huron County Road Commission has been grading roads. Brining is scheduled.

**Treasurer - Submitted**

**Clerk** – An election is scheduled for August.

**Trustees – None**

**Correspondence**

**CAFPA** - Caseville Area Fire Protection Agency is currently not holding meetings due to the ongoing pandemic, therefore no minutes are available.

**Zoning Administrator report– Submitted**

**Building Inspector – Submitted**

**Planning Commission** – Minutes from April 28, 2021 submitted.

**Petitions/Public Comments - None**

**Old Business –**

**2021 Road Work** – The Road Fund has sufficient funds for the Champagne Road project. However, a portion of the money is currently invested in a CD that will not mature in time to make payment to the Huron County Road Commission for the 2021 project. Early withdrawal of

the CD would incur significant penalties. It was determined \$50,000 would be needed to cover the immediate cost for the project. This money would be recovered with the winter tax collection.

Motion offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to borrow \$50,000 from the General Fund, to be repaid with winter tax collection so work may progress. All in favor, motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Transfer Station** – The attendant was approached by a volunteer requesting the placement of a receptacle at the transfer station to support a can drive for Caseville Schools. Motion offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to allow this. All in favor, motion carried.

One sealed bid has been received for concrete work at the transfer station. Other bids are being sought.

**Thumb Electric Cooperative Franchise Ordinance** A franchise ordinance was presented to the board from TEC as our current franchise ordinance expires this year, having been adopted in 1991. The ordinance presented by Thumb Electric Cooperative (TEC) was for a 30 years. The township attorney recommended a period of 20 years. Because TEC requested the ordinance and would be the entity to benefit financially from the agreement, the board felt TEC should pay for costs of publishing the new ordinance but the Township will cover the cost of our attorney's review.

Motion offered by Kelterborn, supported by Hartsell, to adopt ordinance **2021-1, Thumb Electric Cooperative Franchise Ordinance**, using the conditions described above as suggested by our Township Attorney. A roll call vote was taken with the following results;

Ayes: Collins, Hartsell, McCallum, Kelterborn, Deming

Nay: None

The Ordinance was adopted.

**Zoning Enforcement Tools** – A field inspection program is available for on-sight use to expedite the enforcement of zoning rules. The proposed purchase of a tablet to install the software, plus other costs, was discussed. The improved efficiency was presented as well as some drawbacks of the proposed improvements. The Zoning Administrator will be gathering further information to present to the Board.

**Municipal Infraction Process** – The issuance and enforcements of municipal infractions were discussed with the possibility of acquiring the services of an individual or a local police department to assist with the issuance and subsequent procedures that may arise from the same. Costs of the process were discussed, as well as contacting the Caseville Police Department to facilitate this process.

**Payment of Bills** - Motion offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to approve payment of bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments** – A property owner inquired as to what regulations the township has in place for the regulation of marijuana grow houses within the township. The resident explained an issue currently

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taking place in Lapeer County where individuals were buying residential properties for the sole purpose of growing marijuana. The purchaser then upgrades the electrical service to what is commonly a commercial or industrial level to accommodate the equipment necessary for the operation. Adverse effects of the purchases and subsequent use of these properties were presented.

The Zoning Administrator will investigate to ensure the Zoning Ordinance has provisions to address and prevent the commercial operation of the grow houses.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted

Jim Deming, Clerk