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Lake Township

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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Held at Lake Township Hall

4988 W. Kinde Road, Caseville, MI 48725

Call to Order 7:30 P.M.

Present – Valerie McCallum, Nicole Collins, Clay Kelterborn, Dale Hartsell, Jim Deming

Agenda – A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to approve agenda with the addition of a resignation from Planning Commission to New Business. All in favor, motion carried.

September 18, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes – Motion by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports – Supervisor – A resident requested information for getting James Road paved. The supervisor is getting an estimate and will be informing the resident about the special assessment process for financing the initial paving of the road. The township would maintain the road after paving was completed.

Treasurer – The newsletter that accompanies winter tax bills was discussed and it was decided to continue the process

Clerk – Security cameras for the hall were discussed. Details and costs for a system will be sought.

Trustees – None

Correspondence –

CAFPA Minutes of September 20, 2023

Zoning Administrator's report – September 2023 report submitted

Building Inspector's Report – September 2023 report delayed due to office closure

Planning Commission Minutes – August 23, 2023 Regular Meeting

Huron County Road Commission Progress Billing #1

Snow Removal Quote – Esch Landscaping

Petitions/Public Comments – None

Old Business:

Township Hall – A property has been identified for purchase to build a township hall. The parcel is currently part of a larger parcel. After discussion of the potential for future use of the parcel beyond building a hall, a motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Deming, to authorize the township attorney to draft a purchase agreement for the land at a purchase price of \$100,000 plus the land division costs. All in favor, motion carried.

Variance Expiration Amendment – An amendment to Section 16.6.C.3.b of the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance was discussed. This amendment would increase the variance expiration date from 180 days to one year. A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to adopt **Ordinance 2023-4**,

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Variance Expiration Ordinance. By unanimous roll call vote, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was adopted. A complete copy is available on the township website, laketownship.net, or can also be obtained at the township hall during normal business hours.

New Business –

Planning Commission Resignation – A motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kelterborn, to accept the resignation of Tim Lalley from the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Local Control Resolution – Four bills are currently proposed to seize control of large commercial wind and solar by the state from local communities. The Board unanimously opposes relinquishing local control for these operations to the Michigan Public Services Commission. The Board does not want entities from the State controlling how development of these large commercial operations and other matters such as mining occur in our communities because the board does not concur that the state legislature would have our best interests at heart.

Resolution 2023-11, Local Control Resolution, was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins. By unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted. A complete copy is available on the township website, laketownship.net, or can also be obtained at the township hall during normal business hours.

Election Consolidation Resolution – After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Collins, supported by Hartsell, to table the resolution until the Board could receive more clarity on the proposed consolidation from the County Clerk's office. All in favor, motion carried.

Snow Removal Proposal – A quote for snow removal from Esch Landscaping was reviewed by the board. Increases from last year were minimal and the board was in agreement that the service provided by Esch Landscaping was very satisfactory. A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to approve the quote for snow removal for the winter of 2023-24. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills – A motion was offered Hartsell, supported by Collins, to pay the bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment – A motion was offered by Kelterborn, supported by Collins, to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Deming