

**Lake Township**

**April 15, 2024**

**Board of Trustees/Planning Commission Joint Meeting**

**Held at Lake Township Hall**

**4988 W. Kinde Road, Caseville, MI 48725**

**Joint Meeting Called to Order 6:30P.M.**

**Present** – Valerie McCallum, Jim Deming, Clay Kelterborn, Nicole Collins, Dale Hartsell, Bob Siver, Tim Quinn, Matt Pryor

**Absent** – Keith Hoffman

After calling the Township Board meeting to order, motion by McCallum to have Planning Commission Chairman Siver conduct the joint meeting as Chair, seconded by Collins. Motion carried, all ayes.

Siver stated the Zoning Administrator had made suggestions concerning the Zoning Ordinance, the last of which was firewood sales within the township. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning setbacks, setup of sales site, placement of firewood, maintenance of site, and enforcement of violations to the proposed Ordinance.

McCallum stated the Township Attorney suggested the sale of firewood should be regulated by general ordinance as opposed to a zoning ordinance due to differences in how these ordinances can be handled concerning the sale of firewood.

Kelterborn asked Siver what else the Planning Commission was pursuing. Siver stated a solar ordinance was being developed and Collins said a recreation plan was being considered.

**Public Comments** - Vic Rohner asked about the property the township purchased and plans for a township hall. Rohner was advised as to the location of the property and that there are no plans as of yet, only discussions on beginning the process.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Deming to adjourn, seconded by Hartsells. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Further detail of the Joint Meeting can be found in the Planning Commission Minutes for April 15, 2024.**

**Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Called to Order 7:30P.M.**

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

**Absent** - None

Unapproved Minutes, Board of Trustees April 15, 2024

**Agenda** – A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to approve the agenda with the addition of an Ordinance for Firewood. All in favor, motion carried

**March 18, 2024 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports – Supervisor** – Julia Fletcher resigned the Assessor position. Supervisor approved \$200 for Service Contracts as per Appropriations Act. Asked for update of Etzler Road Blight issue from the Zoning Administrator; contacted property owner about issue to begin process off compliance to the Zoning Ordinance.

**Treasurer** – As submitted.

**Clerk** –Candidate filing petitions for the August primary election must be submitted no later than April 23, 2024, 4:00 PM

**Trustees** – None

**Correspondence** –

CAFPA Minutes March 20, 2024 Minutes and Treasurer’s report received

Zoning Administrator’s report – Submitted

Building Inspector’s Report – Submitted

Planning Commission March 13 minutes

Planning Commission 2023 Annual Report

Notice from DTE re. April 26 MPSC Hearing

**Petitions/Public Comments** – A resident requested the status on the lawsuit concerning STRs. Deming explained the lawsuit was generated when the petitions requesting the adopted STR ordinance be placed on a ballot were determined to be insufficient. The petitioners filed a lawsuit to overturn the Township’s determination. The Township in turn filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. The Township’s motion to dismiss was granted by the Circuit Court.

Resident wanted clarification as to why he was never offered a committee position within the township after expressing an interest in doing so.

Finally, resident inquired why there is no longer a township picnic. When asked, the resident stated he would be happy to help organize a picnic.

**Old Business:**

**2024 Road Work** – After getting updated costs for asphalt, the Huron County Road Commission notified the Township the previously approved paving project would cost \$385,386.42. The previously approved amount was \$360,000. A motion was offered by Deming, supported by Collins, to approve the updated project cost. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary Road was discussed further concerning the congestion on the dead end of the road and the issues this causes the neighboring property owners. It was suggested no parking signs be placed and the property owner in question be notified parking is not allowed.

**Township Hall Project** – The new township hall was discussed. It is in the preliminary stages. At this point, only the property has been acquired. Because it is vacant, no address has been assigned to the property. It is bordered on the north by M25 and on the east by Rivers and Danes. The property is approximately 8 acres. The supervisor has been directed by the Board to seek input from an architect for a conceptual proposal for a hall.

**New Business –**

**Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement** – A renewal of the franchise agreement was discussed. Because the agreement was still being reviewed by the Township Attorney, it was suggested the supervisor contact the surrounding entities to see percentage rates being agreed to. After discussion and due to time constraints for signing the agreement, a motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to authorize the supervisor to sign the agreement at a percentage rate comparable to the surrounding area entities and between 3-5%. All in favor, motion carried.

**Firewood Ordinance** – Establishment of a General Ordinance overseeing firewood sales within the township was discussed. A motion was offered by Kelterborn, supported by Collins, to forward the Garage Sale Ordinance to the Township Attorney for review to include a firewood ordinance.

**Payment of Bills** – A motion was offered Hartsell, supported by Collins, to pay the bills with the addition of Sandra Pobanz for hall cleaning. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments** – A resident asked if the decision to build a township hall was to be put on the ballot. The decision to build a hall was a decision of the board. He then asked how the financing of the township hall would be approached. The supervisor stated an additional millage would not be assessed but financing may be necessary for constructing a new hall.

He was also informed that a committee was formed in the past to look into the construction of a hall. Currently we have no concrete plans but are in the process of securing such.

A second caller felt the township should be more transparent. Clerk stated he will attempt to be more descriptive when authoring the minutes.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Deming