

Lake Township
June 17, 2024
Board of Trustees
Held at Lake Township Hall
4988 W. Kinde Road, Caseville, MI 48725

Board of Trustees Meeting Called to Order 7:40 P.M.

Present – Valerie McCallum, Dale Hartsell, Jim Deming

Absent - Nicole Collins, Clay Kelterborn

Agenda – A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Deming, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried

May 20, 2024 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes and May 30, 2024 Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes – Motion by Hartsell, supported by McCallum, to approve the minutes with correction to Special Meeting minutes to remove redundant phrase. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports – Supervisor – Griggs Road loop repaving project has been completed.

Treasurer – As submitted.

Clerk – Clerk gave a brief description of the difference between Permanent Absentee Ballots versus Permanent Voter status. A permanent Absentee Voter will still receive a ballot application for each election. A Permanent Voter will automatically receive a ballot for each election for which they are eligible. Questions concerning this may be referred to the clerk's office.

Trustees – None

Correspondence –

No CAFPA Minutes received

Zoning Administrator's report – Noxious weeds complaints were higher this spring due to the weather conditions this spring

Building Inspector's Report – Submitted

Planning Commission Minutes

Email from Cody Bannick re. safety concerns at Oak Beach/M25 intersection – Supervisor is going to contact the MDOT in regards to safety methods that could be considered at the crossing.

Letter from Comcast re. channel changes

Notice from DTE re. July MPSC Hearing

Petitions/Public Comments – Marcia Yates asked for clarifications as to the cost of constructing a hall at the parcel the township purchased for this purpose. Supervisor explained the Board is early in the process and is gathering information as to the cost and financing for the new hall. As was previously stated at prior meetings, no new millage will be levied to finance the project.

Kenny Kapa asked for details as to the land purchase referenced above. He was informed the property was on the land side of M25 and consisted of approximately 8 acres. He questioned if the size of the property was necessary for a new hall. The supervisor stated the additional property would be useful to offer other options to benefit the community. As previously reported, the township board felt the cost of the property (\$100,000) was very reasonable for a parcel this size. The land is very buildable with necessary utilizes readily available.

Mr. Kapa also inquired about the firewood ordinance on the agenda. He stated that he has been selling it for approximately 10 years and paid for a special meeting with the Planning Commission to address the sale of firewood and to seek a variance to allow his firewood sales. He said an outside consultant to the township stated there was no special land use addressing the sale of firewood in the zoning ordinance at that time. He felt, should a new ordinance be adopted, he would be “grandfathered” in. He stated that the sale of firewood was not prevalent at that time.

McCallum clarified that the Board rejected his request at that time because to allow the sale of firewood required a special land use permit. At the time of that meeting, the sale of firewood was not defined as a special land use in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Kapa was refunded the cost of the meeting for which he was charged.

Ms. Yates referenced the previous sale of firewood near the intersection of M25 and Champagne Road. Because of the location of the firewood stand, clear vision was obstructed for drivers on Champagne Road, creating a hazard.

Mr. Kapa stated that his location does not create this hazard.

Old Business:

Garage/Firewood Sale Ordinance – Per Township Attorney, the garage sale ordinance could be amended to include provisions for firewood if the Board wanted. Questions from attorney for the board in regard to what direction the board wishes to go were provided to board members. Because the Board was lacking full attendance, a motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Deming, to table the discussion until a future meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Transfer Station – Signage needs to be updated at the transfer station. Analysis of the Saturday usage in May for yard waste will be conducted prior to making new signs for the gates.

Spraying will be necessary to control a reemergence of the tree of heaven that was eradicated from the transfer station in 2023. McCallum stated the Huron County Road Commission can do the spraying. A motion was offered by Deming, supported by Hartsell, to approve the spray application. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business – Budget Amendments – 1st Quarter budget review was conducted with the following amendments proposed;

Add \$150 to Office Dues from the General Fund

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Add \$50 to Clerk's Computer Support from the General Fund

A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by McCallum, to approve the amendments above. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Public Comments – None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Deming