

Approved Minutes, Board of Trustees August 19, 2024

**Lake Township**  
**August 19, 2024**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Held at Lake Township Hall**  
**4988 W. Kinde Road, Caseville, MI 48725**

**Board of Trustees Meeting Called to Order 7:35 P.M.**

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

**Absent** - Nicole Collins

**Agenda** – A motion was offered by Deming, supported by Kelterborn, to approve the agenda with addition of budget amendment to New Business. All in favor, motion carried

**July 15, 2024 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Deming, supported by Kelterborn, to approve the minutes with correction of “Motion to pay bills was offered by Collins, supported by Hartsell” and “Motion to adjourn was offered by Collins, supported by Hartsell.” All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports – Supervisor** – Transfer Station spraying has been completed. A hole on Sand Road east of the transfer station has been repaired.

Golf carts have been using the beaches. Concerns were stated addressing erosion caused by this traffic. A previous lawsuit settled that travel is confined to the wet sand next to the water. Dry sand is considered private property and trespassing is not allowed.

**Treasurer** – As submitted.

**Clerk** – Clerk informed the election has been certified by the Huron County Board of Canvassers. Official results can be viewed on the Huron County Clerk’s website under the Elections tab.

Write in candidates must file for the office and party for which they wish to run. Only votes for the specific candidate in the office and party for which they declared will be deemed valid votes. Clerk will attempt to get results to post on the website.

**Trustees** – None

**Correspondence –**

CAFPA Minutes – July & August

Zoning Administrator’s Report – June & July

Building Inspector’s Report – June & July

Planning Commission Minutes – June 12 & July 2, 2024

Huron County Road Commission Invoice

Chart "Where do my property taxes go?"

Letter from Comcast dated July 31, 2024 re. Channel Change

MPSC Notice of Hearings

**Petitions/Public Comments –**

Bruce Grauf questioned who would make the decision to purchase the property for a new hall. He was informed, because no new taxes would be levied, the Board had the authority to make this decision. He asked also how the proposed new hall will be financed. Supervisor stated grants and low interest loans will be sought through rural development for that purpose. No additional taxes will be levied for this endeavor.

Kenny Kapa expressed that when the property purchased was discussed, ARPA monies were not mentioned as being used for the purchase. The supervisor stated the ARPA money was first discussed in November 2021 at a board meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Township Property/Hall Project** – A topographical survey would be necessary to develop the property for a hall. An estimate of approximately \$2500 was offered by Tank Surveying to complete the survey of the north half of the property. A complete survey of the entire property would be ~ \$5,000. Surveying half the property would accommodate the hall project but would not allow for development of the rest of the property. After discussion, a motion was offered by Deming, supported by Kelterborn, to approve a maximum of \$6,000 to complete a topographical survey of the complete property. All in favor, motion carried.

**Garage/Firewood Sale Ordinance** – Per Township Attorney, the garage sale ordinance could be amended to include provisions for firewood if the Board wanted. Because the Board was lacking full attendance, a motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to table the discussion until a future meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business –**

**Budget Amendment** – Due to upgrades to our server and the ongoing services for the hall, it was estimated another \$3,000 would be necessary to be added to the Service/Maintenance Contracts line item within the budget. A motion by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to add \$3,000 to Service/ Maintenance Contracts from the General fund was offered. All in favor, motion carried.

**L-4029 & Millage Levy Resolution** - A resolution was reviewed to levy the following millage rates for the township;

<b>Operating</b>	<b>.8925</b>
<b>Roads/Sponge Moth</b>	<b>1.4865</b>

<b>Roads</b>	<b>.9874</b>
<b>CAFPA Special Assessment</b>	<b>1.000</b>

**Resolution 2022-13, Millage Levy Resolution** was offered by Kelterborn, supported by Hartsell, allowing the Township of Lake to levy the maximum allowable rate of 4.43664 mills for the 2024 tax year.

The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of members present. A complete copy can be obtained at the township hall during normal business hours.

**AVCI Quote** – A quote for back up protection the server remotely for an annual fee was discussed. The rate would be \$159 per year. A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to accept this quote. All in favor, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills** – A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Kelterborn, to pay the bills with the addition of an Emterra dumpster bill. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments** – Bruce Grauf asked if the Board had addressed the recent changes to the laws governing the siting of renewable energy facilities. The supervisor informed him the Board had adopted ordinances pertaining to wind, solar and battery storage facilities. These ordinances can be found on the township website.

Kapa questioned why the tips are turned in with the revenue for the transfer station. The supervisor informed him the money turned in to the township was balanced against the sign in sheets and the amount over was returned to the transfer station employees.

Bob Siver stated the township could open themselves up to maleficence with respect to the handling of transfer station monies.

Siver also asked if the development of a recreation plan would be beneficial for the grant application process for future development of the township property. Board said it would be helpful.

Kapa asked about the write in process for elections. Deming stated a write in candidate must file a Declaration of Intent prior to 4:00 PM the second Friday before the election is held for any write in votes to be valid. Contact the Clerk for more information.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Deming