

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423

February 13, 2008

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Ed Stielstra opened the meeting with prayer and Terry Hofmeyer led the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Wendy Van Huis, Gary Dewey, Ed Stielstra, Bob Scanlan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Diane Ybarra - Recording Secretary
Bob Curnick – Township Deputy
Cal Haverdink – Fire Chief

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the minutes as submitted. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. TREASURERS REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of January 2008. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve and pay the bills as submitted. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION – Ed Stielstra

Ed Stielstra reported that the Planning Commission met on February 6, 2008 at which time they discussed the Blue Star Sub Area Master Plan and reviewed the LSL Study. There were no items of new business on the agenda.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – No report.

C. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Terry Burns

Terry Burns reported that there is a hearing tomorrow on the phosphorus ordinance. The objective is to educate the residents on the dangers of using fertilizers that contain these chemicals. Terry also reported on the progress being made by the Commission on Aging providing information on services rendered and to whom. The services are now extending to the Laketown Township residents. The total for the county is 596 residents receiving services from the Allegan County Commission on Aging. A new Board is in place and a letter was sent to the Local Observer in gratitude to the former Board. Last week Terry attended a MAC Conference in Lansing that included beneficial workshops regarding a various topics such as environmental concerns. Terry spoke of the Great Lakes Compact wherein other states are investigating the use of the Great Lakes water resources. Terry reported that the jail project is progressing.

Ed Stielstra asked if the phosphorous ordinance covered the use and sale of the product. Terry responded that it is for the use only and not sales. The intent is to promote education to the residents.

Wendy Van Huis asked how the Commission on Aging connects with the people that need the services that are provided. Terry responded that there is a contract with Evergreen Commons and other human services agencies promote the services. Terry will also see that the information is put in the next newsletter.

Bob Scanlan noted that there are a lot of areas in the country where it is illegal to sell products containing phosphorous.

D. DEPUTY SHERIFF – Deputy Bob Curnick

Deputy Curnick reported that things have been going well over the last month, however, every time it snows there are a tremendous amount of slide offs and accidents where people are driving too fast for the conditions of the roads. The speed limits are set for perfect road conditions and snow covered roads are not perfect conditions. Deputy Curnick cautions drivers to slow down when roads are snow covered.

E. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Chief Cal Haverdink

Chief Haverdink reported on the response calls for the month of January as follows: 44 calls total, 36 calls from Laketown, consisting of 29 rescue and 7 fire, 7 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 5 rescue calls and 2 fire. Both departments also assisted in 1 fire call to Saugatuck. Many of the rescue calls are due to accidents for the same reasons that Deputy Curnick noted wherein driving conditions require reduced speed limits. Representatives from MDOT will be in next Tuesday to review and discuss the proposal for the emergency access to the I-196 Expressway.

F. PARKS COMMISSION – Linda Howell

Linda Howell reported that the new parks brochures are available for mailing in March. The Commission is working on the budget looking at moving the old Township Hall to the Huyser Farm and also redoing the driveway at the Farm. Communication to residents about the parks is a key objective for the Commission this year.

G. BUILDING AUTHORITY – No report.

H. DDA – Al Meshkin

Al Meshkin reported that the DDA met on January 23rd and set a full agenda for the February 27th meeting. The first item on the agenda will be a public hearing concerning lifting the prohibition on alcohol in the Township. The second item will be a speaker presenting on LEED and the third item will be a local consulting firm to discuss how to approach planning in a DDA.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Josh Letterman of Wayland introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative of Allegan County. He and his wife Candice are the owners of Schwandy Productions, which produces videos for companies and also internet sales. Josh was born and raised in Michigan, attended Gull Lake High School and received both undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics from Cornerstone University. Josh studied in Chicago including an internship at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. His graduate thesis was on globalization and its effects on the West Michigan economy. He feels the State needs representatives who not only share the citizens' values but also have the knowledge and expertise to address private enterprise and the state of the economy. Josh feels he has the qualifications for this seat. Mr. Letterman provided informational brochures to those interested at the close of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. CALVARY SCHOOLS SPECIAL USE CONTRACT

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the Calvary Schools Special Use Contract. Terry received an invitation to the school's groundbreaking ceremony which is scheduled for March 17th at 6:30PM. The invitation is extended to all residents and interested parties.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Calvary Schools Special Use Contract. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION 2008-07

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the Credit Card Acceptance Resolution 2008-07. This would allow residents to pay for their taxes and other billings by credit card.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the Credit Card Acceptance Resolution 2008-07. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. CREDIT CARD USE RESOLUTION 2008-08

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the Credit Card Use Resolution 2008-08.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Credit Card Use Resolution 2008-08. UNANIMOUS DECISION –MOTION APPROVED**

Ed Stielstra commented that this information should be included in the Township Personnel Manual.

D. 2008 ROAD WORK

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the 2008 Road Work proposal. The estimated cost for both projects on 140th Avenue from 60th to 66th Streets is \$113,200.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the 2008 Road Work proposal. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Al Meshkin stated that the Road Commission could stripe the lanes at 11-foot lanes, which would add one foot to the shoulder. The Board agrees with this and Al will follow up with this request.

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - None

Cal DeMaagd of 3719 64th Street asked Chief Haverdink to point out on the map where the proposed site of the emergency vehicle access would be. It is planned for the site of the old recycle location which is currently owned by the State.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Terry Hofmeyer and seconded by Gary Dewey to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED