

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

January 7, 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

Bob Scanlan opened the meeting with prayer and Gary Dewey 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 December 12, 2007 meeting. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis 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 December 2007. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan 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 January 2, 2008 with the following actions taken; the Flying J Special Use Request was removed from the agenda as a result of the Company's withdrawal of the request, a review was done of the Blue Star Sub Area Master Plan with future discussion to occur at the February meeting.

- B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – No report.
- C. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – No report.
- D. DEPUTY SHERIFF – Deputy Bob Curnick

Deputy Curnick reported that the last few months have gone well. The snow is gone for now but Deputy Bob Curnick encourages residents to maintain their vehicles for the winter conditions. Deputy Curnick also reminds residents to be mindful of the deer and wild turkey in the area.

- E. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Chief Cal Haverdink

Chief Haverdink reported on the response calls for the month of December as follows: 41 calls total, 32 calls from Laketown, consisting of 21 rescue and 11 fire, 7 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 6 rescue calls and 1 fire. Both departments also assisted in 1 fire call to Overisel and 1 rescue call to Hamilton. The high winds and inclement weather contributed to the increase in activity.

- F. PARKS COMMISSION – No report.
- G. BUILDING AUTHORITY – No report.
- H. DDA – No report.

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

Jeff Farnsworth of Gun Plain Township introduced himself as a candidate for the office of State Representative. Mr. Farnsworth gave a brief overview of his qualifications and why he feels that he would be a good candidate for the office. His motto is “Making Government Work.” Mr. Farnsworth wants to be the Township’s voice in Lansing and would appreciate the residents’ support. Mr. Farnsworth distributed a flyer describing his core values and other personal information.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. SAUGATUCK RECREATION APPOINTMENT

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the criteria for appointment and stated that the name recommended for appointment is Teresa Block.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the appointment of Teresa Block as the Saugatuck Community Recreation representative.**

**UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the appointment for the Building Authority noting that Michael Donovan has been recommended for the position.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the appointment of Michael Donovan to the Building Authority. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer proposed the date and time of March 12, 2008 at 7:00 PM for the Township Board Annual Meeting.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the date of March 12, 2008 at 7:00 PM for the Annual Meeting. UNANIMOUS DECISION –MOTION APPROVED**

D. TRUSTEE SALARY RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the Trustee Salary Resolution noting the unchanged annual compensation at \$3,500.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the Trustee Salary Resolution. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

E. CLERK SALARY RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the Clerk Salary Resolution noting the unchanged annual compensation of \$13,500.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the Clerk Salary Resolution. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

F. TREASURER SALARY RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the Treasurer Salary Resolution noting the unchanged annual compensation of \$18,000.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the Treasurer Salary Resolution. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

G. SUPERVISOR SALARY RESOLUTION

Supervisor Terry reviewed the Supervisor Salary Resolution noting the unchanged annual compensation of \$15,500.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Ed Stielstra and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the Supervisor Salary Resolution. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

H. MANAGER ADDITIONAL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the Manager Additional Payment Resolution. At the last contract renewal for the Township Manager position, a provision was made for making an additional of a one-time payment in recognition of meritorious efforts. Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed just a few examples of the exemplary work done by Al Meskin over the last year on projects such as the Flying J proposal, the new water contract with City of Holland, the formation of the Downtown District Authority and the pending contract between Laketown Township, City of Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township. The Township Board is considering a one-time additional compensation payment of \$3,000.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Manager Additional Payment Resolution. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Gary Dewey also mentioned the work that Al Meshkin has done on the progression of additional of the bike paths in the Township. Wendy Van Huis stated that Al Meshkin's forward thinking leadership has benefited the residents of the Township. Bob Scanlan commented on Al's orchestration of the bond financing for the major mansion renovation projects. Terry Hofmeyer expressed appreciation for all of Al's fine leadership and hard work.

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - None

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Terry Hofmeyer and seconded by Gary Dewey to adjourn at 7:24 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**