

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

July 9, 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

Gary Dewey opened the meeting with prayer and Wendy Van Huis led the pledge of allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Stielstra

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Diane Ybarra - Recording Secretary

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2008 meetings. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Gary Dewey 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 June 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 – No report.
- B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – No report.

C. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Terry Burns

Terry Burns confirmed that the Allegan County Jail location selected is Dumont Lake. The committee is on step one of four steps in the planning process. Terry reported that from a financial perspective the current fund balance may support the majority of the expense for the jail. Bob Scanlan asked about regional involvement. Terry Burns did not have an update at this time. There is a plan in place to meet with each township board in the county. Terry Burns commended the local fire and police departments on their service in response to the major storms that have recently occurred.

D. DEPUTY SHERIFF – No report.

E. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Jeff Bosma

Jeff Bosma reported on the response calls for the month of June as follows: 43 calls total, 30 calls from Laketown, consisting of 15 rescue and 15 fire, 12 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 6 rescue calls and 6 fire. Laketown also assisted in 1 rescue call to the Holland Fire Department. The annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast was a great success. There were 1,327 attendees, which is an increase of 200 over the previous year and \$500 was donated for new equipment.

F. PARKS COMMISSION – Chuck Strabbing

Chuck Strabbing reported that the Parks Commission met on June 18 at the Shore Acres Park. The next meeting will be held at Sanctuary Woods Park on July 16 at 7:00pm. The summer meetings will be held at the various parks. The next volunteer work meeting is scheduled for July 21 from 6:30-8:30pm at Sanctuary Woods.

G. BUILDING AUTHORITY – No report.

H. DDA – Al Meshkin

Al Meshkin reported that the DDA met on June 25 and heard presentations from three planning consultants. The Authority recommends McKenna and Associates, hence the request for approval of their contract.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS – No comments.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUING RESOLUTION

Terry Burns gave a brief overview of the resolution. Al Meshkin noted that the licenses would be issued only in the DDA area and be assigned to businesses with food sales of over 50% of their gross income.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the Liquor License Issuing Resolution. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. MCKENNA CONTRACT

Al Meshkin reported that the DDA interviewed three consultants and the DDA would like to hire McKenna and Associates for a fee of \$8,500.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the McKenna Contract. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. ROAD RESURFACING BID

Terry Hofmeyer gave an overview of the Road Resurfacing Bid stating that it would cover one mile in the Township on 140th Avenue from 64th Street to 66th Street at the cost of \$99,297.50. This was the lowest of three bids solicited.

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

C. HERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the reappointment of Valerie Bauwman as Laketown Township representative to the Herrick Public Library Board. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Jeff Farnsworth introduced himself as the candidate for the Republican State House of Representatives. He gave a brief overview of his personal history and current community service experience. Jeff explained his strategies for the State economy if he were elected to the State House of Representatives.

Terry Burns asked Jeff Farnsworth about mandated services such as revenue sharing. What would you do for us in the area of revenue sharing? Jeff responded that he feels that funding should be provided for all mandated programs.

Wendy Van Huis noted that the Felt Mansion will host the annual Culinary Event on July 15th at 6:00pm

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED