

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

August 12, 2009

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

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 July 9, 2009 meeting. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan 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 July 2009. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Ed Stielstra and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve and pay the bills as submitted. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE GENETSKI – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BURNS

Terry Burns reported that the ground will be broken for the new animal shelter next Thursday. The

County has partnered with the Wishbone Organization. The animal adoptions are up from 60 last year to 170 year to date. The emergency management meeting held last Thursday was not as successful as we had hoped. All criteria were followed but yet no State or Federal funds were allocated to the County. The Sheriff's picnic is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th. The jail project continues to be delayed but Terry stated that he will continue to stay on top of it.

Wendy Van Huis asked if there is an update on 911. Terry responded that there is no new millage but a renewed phone line surcharge that will be on the November ballot. There are brochures available that provide information on this topic. Al Meshkin advised Terry to make the County representatives aware that little is known in the Township about the election for this renewal.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Ed Stielstra

Ed Stielstra reported that the Planning Commission met on August 5 and the following topics were discussed: the Zoning Ordinance proposal; approved the Bindon Special Use Request; approved Ter Haar Special Use Request.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Bob Scanlan

Bob Scanlan reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in July. There will be a meeting on August 31.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – No report.

Terry Hofmeyer commented that he has seen much activity at the blueberry patch on Huyser Farm.

F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – No report.

G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Terry Hofmeyer

The response calls for the month of July as follows: 23 calls total, 17 calls from Laketown, consisting of 14 rescue and 3 fire, 5 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 3 rescue calls and 2 fire. There was one assist to Holland Fire Department.

H. DDA – No report.

I. COMMISSION ON AGING – GEORGE SMEENGE

George Smeenge reported that the Commission on Aging is a growing success and its budget is being spent on a lot of great things. There are 75 applicants for the new director position. The position is expected to be filled by the 15th of September. There was a recent article published by a local senior citizen supporting the renewal of the millage for the seniors. George also stated that there will be citizen input solicited for the Disability Network transportation plan over the next few months.

Ed Stielstra stated that the Good Samaritan Agency in Holland does provide transportation services for senior citizens by volunteers. He asked if that could be done in the County. George stated that there are paid drivers supporting citizens in the County and he is interested in learning more about other services. There is an in-house outreach and assistance person to respond to senior calls for transportation needs and other concerns. George would like to continue to increase the awareness of needs and services for seniors in the County and surrounding areas.

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

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64th Street asked what would be on the November election. Wendy Van Huis responded that as far as we have been told it would be the 911 renewal only. Keith also asked where 136th Avenue is in Allegan County because an article in the Sentinel stated that someone from the County turned down stimulus money for 146th and 136th Avenues. Al Meshkin explained that with the MACC there is a method of ranking projects for monies each year. There was one project that came in under budget and the decision makers made a recommendation that the extra monies saved on a particular project would be assigned to a project outside of Allegan County into Ottawa County. The federal monies are shared amongst several municipalities and a sub-committee from the MACC acts in making such decisions. Keith stated that the article was very misleading in the Sentinel.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. SEWER USAGE AND ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

Terry Hofmeyer explained that this is to amend three existing ordinances which apply primarily to industrial sewer uses.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Gary Dewey to adopt Ordinance No. 157 for Sewer Usage and Administration Amendment. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. ISLAND LAKE ROAD BIDS

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the bid from Reith-Riley Construction, Inc. at \$65,228.86 for resurfacing of Island Lake Road.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the expenditure of \$65,228.86 from Reith-Riley Construction, Inc. for the resurfacing of Island Lake Road. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Ed Stielstra asked if the low bidder is always awarded, what kind of performance and quality tracking is done. Terry Hofmeyer explained that the low bidder is typically awarded and the contractors are closely monitored and inspected to ensure that all specifications are met.

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Don Van Huis of 4079 65th Street stated that the repair job on 140th Street was very well done.

George Smeenge of 3977 Beeline Road asked if 140th Street is a primary road. Al Meshkin stated that it is classified as a primary road from 60th St. to 64th St. George also asked if the wireless is working in the Township. Al responded that it is working but there are still a few issues. George asked if the bike path project is on schedule and what the anticipated completion date is. Al stated that construction may begin within the month. The projected completion is approximately one year. He also asked if Al had received his letter of concern on the rights of way. Terry responded that he would follow up on the response by the next meeting.

Terry Hofmeyer stated that in regards to streets, changing the designations is not an easy task and is subject to approval by MDOT. They are often reluctant to make upgrades and it is a strenuous exercise. Al Meshkin stated that at the MACC meetings, there are several municipalities, MDOT, State and Federal representatives all involved in the decision making.

Randy Becksvoort of 3930 Beeline Road asked if the hardware and software updates have been completed in the Township office. Al responded that most all upgrades have been completed.

Keith Becksvoort asked the 32nd Street dam would be done before winter. Al said by November 15th the dam will be done first, then clean up and then the road repair will be finished. There is much to be done including a DEQ permit which has not yet been received. No materials can be ordered until the permit has been issued. Both 147th and 32nd Streets depend on this.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer mad a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.
UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**