

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

REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2010

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

Treasurer Gary Dewey 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
Bob Curnick – Township Deputy
Cal Haverdink – Township Fire Chief
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the December 9, 2009 meetings. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan 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 December 2009. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve and pay the bills as submitted.**

**Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion.
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

Commissioner Burns reported that the Haworth property has been purchased for the new Allegan County jail site. The goal is to have the sheriff department moved into the office site by the end of the summer. He reported receiving a letter from the Michigan Association of Counties in regards to mandated services that are not currently being funded by the State. He suggested writing your state representatives relative to funding these services that are mandated per the State Constitution. The County revenue monies are being sent to Lansing but not being funneled back to the services in the County. He also spoke to health insurance for low income families in the County. There are a number of agencies that will be involved in these discussions. He also noted that health departments will be responsible for enforcing the new non-smoking ban in the State. The enforcement of this new law will be a challenge.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Ed Stielstra

Ed Stielstra reported that the Planning Commission met on January 6 and the following topics were discussed: the Zoning Ordinance proposal; approved the I-2000 Inc. Special Use Request to construct a wireless Internet tower contingent on approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Bob Scanlan

Bob Scanlan reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in December.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – Al Meshkin

Al Meshkin stated that work on the new shared use path continues during the winter months. Tree removal is underway and unclaimed wood is free for the taking. The contractor will be bringing the wood to the gravel parking lot at the township hall. The Parks Commission did not meet in December.

F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – Bob Curnick

Deputy Curnick reminds residents to be mindful of keeping up on car maintenance. He also noted seeing drivers cross over the center lane to retrieve their mail even during snow storms. This is not only extremely dangerous but also against the law. There have been a few car and deer accidents so please be on the look-out as the deer are still on the move.

G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Cal Haverdink

The response calls for the month of December as follows: 28 calls total, 15 calls from Laketown, consisting of 12 rescue and 3 fire, 13 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 12 rescue calls and 1 fire. Chief Haverdink reported that there were 69 fewer calls in 2009 compared to 2008.

H. DDA – No report.

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

Randy Becksvoort of 3930 Beeline Road asked for clarification of the mandated services not being

funded by the State to the County. Commissioner Burns explained that it is agency services in the County that are not being paid for. Randy asked how we tell the government to fund these services if there is no money in the State at this time. Terry Burns responded that it is the legislators' responsibilities to ensure the expenses are covered in the County. Randy again questioned how this can be requested. Terry responded that the issue is how the money is spent. He gave the example of the new State Police Department building that was constructed at over a million dollars. Al Meshkin also noted a voting requirement handed down by the State requiring the purchase of new equipment but no funds to do so. Terry noted that there are many examples that could be given.

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64th Street asked if it would be advisable to attend the open hours with State Representative Bob Genetski. Terry Burns responded that would it would be very beneficial.

Paul Visscher of 3569 63rd Street asked if there is a list of services not being funded. Al Meshkin responded that there is a website with the information at the Michigan Association of Counties. Terry Hofmeyer stated that this is occurring at all levels of government including reduced and late payments to municipalities. Terry commented that the State of Michigan is having a difficult time as are the local entities.

Al Meshkin stated that these unfunded mandates have been a problem historically and is not new. The practice occurred when the State had a large rainy day fund before revenues were reduced.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION

Terry Hofmeyer announced the Annual Meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Hall.

A motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve Resolution 2010-01 for the date of March 10, 2010 for the Annual Meeting.

Gary Dewey noted for the record that he would not be present for this meeting.

**Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion.
UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. TOWNSHIP BOARD SALARY RESOLUTIONS

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the following Salary Resolutions:

Resolution 2010-02 for Township Trustee - \$ 3,500.00
Resolution 2010-03 for Township Clerk - \$13,500.00
Resolution 2010-04 for Township Treasurer - \$15,500.00
Resolution 2010-05 for Township Supervisor - \$15,500.00

Terry Hofmeyer stated that there would be no increase for the Trustee and Clerk positions. The Treasurer position has a decrease in salary at the request of the Treasurer. The Supervisor position has not changed and remains the same as it has been for the past three years.

A motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the Salary

Resolutions as stated.

**Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion.
UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. FIRST AMENDMENT TO RESTATED WATER AGREEMENT

Terry Hofmeyer explained that this agreement differs from the amendment approved last month as it requires implementing water usage restrictions when we are at 90% of capacity.

A motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the First Amendment to Restated Water Agreement.

Terry Hofmeyer noted that the Township has been working for some time with the City of Holland on this issue. This will be a win/win situation for the Township, City of Holland and the Castle Park Association residents. Item D. noted on the agenda for the Holland Board of Public Works will not take place tonight but will at a future meeting.

**Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion.
UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

D. PRESENTATION BY HOLLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The presentation will occur at a future meeting.

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Cal DeMaagd of 3719 64th Street expressed appreciation to the Board for maintaining the noted salaries. He also commended Treasurer Gary Dewey for requesting a decrease in his salary. Cal asked what the process is to appeal assigned property tax amounts if one disagrees. Terry Hofmeyer explained there is a Board of Review held in mid-March. He referred Cal to call Paul Smith to schedule an appointment. Al Meshkin stated that a notice will be sent to all residents noting the dates and times available to do so. The notices will be sent in late February.

A motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Gary Dewey to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED