

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

REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 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

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Dewey

STAFF PRESENT: Cal Haverdink – Township Fire Chief
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis 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 January 2010. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra 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. PRESENTATION BY HOLLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Storey, President of Holland Board of Public Works thanked the Board for having the Board of Public Works at the meeting to provide an update and overview of upcoming projects. Jim stated that approximately 48% of the BPW customers are outside of the City of Holland. In general, 2009 was a good year with the exception of the June 19th storm event. There are a number of projects in the future that Loren Howard will highlight. There will be two new major production facilities to serve in the community. There will be communication concerning the market share and competitive

pricing. The Board of Public Works Board members are Paul Elzinga, Rich Cook, Diane Haworth and Tim Hemmingway. The Board is pleased to serve Laketown Township.

Loren Howard echoed Jim's comments and provided a hand-out of his presentation. The intent of the visit tonight is to give an overview of the Board's current initiatives. Loren discussed details of the June 19th storm event. Electric rates were explained including an increase that occurred in July, 2009 and the potential for an additional increase in 2010. There are pricing options under development to better meet the needs of the individual customer or business. Loren also discussed the water rates noting that revisions have been made with new rates effective on January 1, 2010. The philosophies behind how water rates are calculated have changed somewhat based on the size of the meter, the amount of water used and the time of the usage. Charts showing comparison to other local municipalities were included in the package. Sewer rates were also increased on January 1, 2010 that included a Readiness to Serve charge based on meter size. Cost Control measures were explained including creative labor practices. Many areas are reviewed to reduce costs to the customers. There are several new customers coming into the area that will increase demands. The State of Michigan approved a Renewable Energy bill and the Board is working on projects related to the bill. The goal was met for the Energy Optimization Program and continues into 2012. The Board continues to look at new generation and additional base load detailed in the Electric Forecast and Demand Forecast graphs provided in the hand-out. Loren opened for questions.

Terry Hofmeyer asked if the Bay City Plant is a Consumers Energy Plant. Loren responded that it is a Consumers Plant. Ed Stielstra commented that there is nothing noted about nuclear programs. Loren explained that there has been some thought given to nuclear applications. He noted there is one on the east side of the state with Detroit Edison. Ed asked if there is a policy or goal regarding funding of creating and encouraging conservation. Loren responded the Public Act 295 addresses this and monies are budgeted for it as a percentage of sales as noted on page 11 of the hand-out.

Jim Storey announced that on February 22nd there will be a planning session at the Doubletree at 4:00pm. The session will include participation from a consultant being used and the public is invited to attend.

ARTICLE VII. REPORT OF OFFICERS

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

Commissioner Burns recognized Paul Visscher as the new Member at Large for the Commission on Aging. George Smeenge has resigned his position on the Commission. Terry showed a discount prescription card available to Allegan County residents that do not have prescription insurance coverage. Terry has been distributing the cards throughout the county. The methamphetamine program came up with \$77,000 from the Lakeshore Alcohol Council to continue the program. The other non-funded mandates are the new no smoking law that will be monitored by the Allegan County Health Department as well as the massage therapy licensing.

- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Ed Stielstra

Ed Stielstra reported that the Planning Commission met on February 3 at which time the first full review of the proposed guidelines for the Zoning Ordinance was completed. Further discussion will occur at the April meeting. There will not be a March Planning Commission meeting.

- D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Bob Scanlan

Bob Scanlan reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in January. The next meeting is February 22 at 7:00pm.

- E. PARKS COMMISSION – No report.
- F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – No report.

G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Cal Haverdink

The response calls for the month of January are as follows: 29 calls total, 21 calls from Laketown, consisting of 16 rescue and 5 fire, 4 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 4 rescue calls and 0 fire. There were 4 assists to other departments: 1 fire assist to Hamilton, 1 fire assist to Saugatuck, 1 rescue assist to Hamilton and 1 rescue assist to Saugatuck. Chief Haverdink reported that the new ranger was used at the airplane crash incident in the assist to Hamilton.

Ed Stielstra asked what the most common type of fire that the department responds to. Cal Haverdink responded that many times it is carbon monoxide alarm or smoke situation. Fortunately, it is not commonly a true fire.

H. DDA – No report.

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

Cal DeMaadg of 3719 64th Street asked if a payment is made on the property taxes which are under appeal, will a refund be given for the current tax bill or applied to the next tax bill. Ed Stielstra recommended speaking to Gary Dewey but he believes it would be applied to the next tax bill. The bill being paid this month is actually for a 2009 tax evaluation.

ARTICLE IX. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE X. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION BY THE FRIENDS OF THE FELT ESTATE

Patty Meyer presented a check back to the Township Board in the amount of \$10,000 that was seed money used for the Green and Blue Festival last summer.

Patty gave a brief overview of what happened in 2009 and projections for 2010 at the Felt Mansion. She provided a hand-out showing before and after pictures of the mansion progress. The winter event hosted more than 300 guests on December 12. The holiday tours were very successful this year with higher attendance. Patty also provided upcoming rental information. A PowerPoint presentation highlighting 2009 events was shared including goals set and outcomes. The goals for 2010 were included in the presentation. Patty shared a letter received by Bob Genetski from Brian Conway who may be instrumental in supporting the Friends of the Felt Estate in the acquisition of the outlying buildings on the property that are currently owned by the State but not maintained.

Terry Hofmeyer recognized Patty’s hard work on the project and also thanked her for sharing the presentation. Bob Scanlan echoed Terry’s recognition of Patty’s efforts.

B. 2010 ROAD WORK

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the proposed road work projects for 2010 consisting of resurfacing of 143rd from Beeline to 64th Street for \$95,000 and three (3) roadside mowing for \$5,000.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the 2010 Road Work as proposed.**

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

C. WATER CONSERVATION REPEAL ORDINANCE

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the Water Conservation Repeal Ordinance No. 160. Basically, the Ordinance repeals the water conservation related to landscape usage.

A motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the Water Conservation Repeal Ordinance.

Ed Stielstra commented that the ordinance was driven by the Holland Board of Public Works.

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

D. BOARD & COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the following Board and Commission reappointments:

Downtown Development Authority

Marcia Perry	4 year term
Steve Shilling	4 year term

Planning Commission

Bob Cook	4 year term
David Weishaar	Completion of Al Dogger's term

A motion was made by Ed Stielstra and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the above mentioned Board and Commission reappointments.

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

Terry recognized Al Dogger and the many things he had done not only in the Township but other areas of the community. Condolences go out to the family and he will be greatly missed by all.

ARTICLE XI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

George Smeenge of Beeline Road stated that he regretfully submitted his resignation from the Commission on the Aging. He feels that the Commission and the transportation related to the Disability Network are both in good hands. He is staying with the AAA Council in Grand Rapids which serves nine areas where he plans to push for wellness programs for the aging. He expressed appreciation for the ability to serve in the Township and County.

ARTICLE XII.

A motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED