

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

REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 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

Township 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
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 March 10, 2010 meeting. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the minutes as submitted.**

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

ARTICLE IV. TREASURERS REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of March 2010. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan 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. PRESENTATION BY ALLEGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Scott Corbin of Allegan County Emergency Management presented Chief Cal Haverdink with a Certificate of Appreciation for the excellent performance by the Graafschap Fire Department at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant worker decontamination drill held in March. This drill is required by the Federal Government to test the emergency response plan. Mr. Corbin commended Chief Haverdink on the skill and professionalism of his team.

ARTICLE VII. REPORT OF OFFICERS

Preceding the Report of Officers, Marge Baker of 6468 140th Street introduced herself and explained that she is planning to run for the seat of Circuit Court Judge in Allegan County. She has been a prosecutor in the Allegan County court system for 28 years. She feels she is strongly qualified for the position. She has been in a management position with the courts for the last 8 years. She has experience in managing staff and budget in the court system and also as a partner in a small family business. She feels a judge should care about the community and know what it is about. She has experience serving on several community boards such as The Wings of Hope Hospice, Sylvia's Place, Kids Hope, Disability Network and ARC. She cares about people who live and serve in the community. Marge feels a judge should be tough on crime but also tough on solutions to problems. She has demonstrated the ability to do so in the many years she has served in the court system. Marge is actively involved in organizing a Summit on Suicide Prevention. Suicides in Allegan County have tripled over the last few years. There is a small group of county professionals working together to create a suicide prevention plan. Based on the many years of experience in the Allegan County Circuit Court and the active role she has played in the community serving on many boards and committees, Marge feels she is the strongest candidate for the position of Circuit Court Judge in Allegan County.

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE GENETSKI – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BURNS – No report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Ed Stielstra

Ed Stielstra reported that the Planning Commission did not meet in April.

- D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Bob Scanlan

Bob Scanlan reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 29 and the following items were discussed: Bouwkamp La Casita, LLC Variance Request was approved with a 4 to 1 vote.

- E. PARKS COMMISSION – No report.
- F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – Deputy Bob Curnick

Deputy Bob Curnick reported that things have been running smoothly in the Township. He cautions residents to obey the stop signs and not just yield at intersections. Township parks are being used heavily with the nice weather. He encourages people to leave their valuables at home or be sure to lock them safely in their trunks and out of plain site.

- G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Cal Haverdink

The response calls for the month of March are as follows: 24 calls total, 18 calls from Laketown, consisting of 12 rescue and 6 fire, 4 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 3 rescue calls and 1 fire. There were 4 assists to other departments: 1 fire assist to Overisel and 1 fire assist to Hamilton.

- H. DDA – No report.

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE X. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRE, ROADS & DRAINS MILLAGE RESOLUTION

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer explained that this item will be on the August 3rd ballot proposing that the 2.0 mill be renewed for two (2) years.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve Resolution 2010-09 Fire, Road, Bicycle Path and Drain Millage Renewal Resolution.**

Gary Dewey asked if there is anyone in the Township that checks and provides maintenance for the bike paths. Al Meshkin responded that there is some monitoring of the shared use paths and parks. Gary Dewey offered his assistance with this effort.

Terry Hofmeyer stated there is a small group of volunteer residents that do clean-up in certain areas of the Township on a regular basis.

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

B. CASTLE PARK WATER AGREEMENT

Supervisor Hofmeyer explained that this is moving along well but not at the point for review by the Board yet.

C. MANAGER CONTRACT

Terry Hofmeyer gave a brief overview of the Township Manager Contract. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Manager Contract.**

Supervisor Hofmeyer stated that the Board has reviewed the contract. He and the Board members agree that Al Meshkin does a fine job and has a genuine interest for the residents and well-being of the Township.

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

D. ZBA RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the following ZBA resignations and reappointments: Herb Johnson has moved out of the Township leaving a vacancy. Terry recommended David Weishaar, currently an alternate, for the open seat.

A motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the above mentioned Zoning Board of Appeals resignation and appointment.

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

Terry noted that a board alternate will be appointed at the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

E. CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION FUNDING

Terry Hofmeyer gave a brief overview of the funding request made by the Center for Women in

Transition. He further explained the important work of the agency in the area cities, townships and counties.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Center for Women in Transition Funding in the amount of \$1,000.00.**

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

F. FRIENDS OF THE FELT ESTATE CONTRACT

Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the agreement and the request for \$10,000.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the Friends of the Felt Estate Contract.**

Gary Dewey asked what options are open for events such as types of music events. Al Meshkin responded that events being discussed but nothing finalized at this time. Ed Stielstra stated that there is nothing in the agreement noting the intent to repay the funds. Terry Hofmeyer responded that there is nothing documented but the Friends raised \$10,000 for the manion year.

Ed Stielstra confirmed that the terminology “appropriation” not “loan” is used in the document. Al Meshkin explained that it is not a loan, it is a contract to do fundraising. The plan is to raise more than the appropriated amount for the renovation and operation of the mansion.

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

ARTICLE XI. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS - None

ARTICLE XII.

A motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED