

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

REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 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 special March 18 and regular April 14, 2010 meetings. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the minutes as submitted.**

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

ARTICLE IV. TREASURER'S REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of April 2010. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Ed Stielstra and seconded by Bob Scanlan 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

Commissioner Terry Burns provided a copy of the draft schematic plan for the new Allegan County Jail. The Commissioners will review the ballot language for the millage on May 13. There is some debate as to whether the millage will be described as operational or only for the construction of the correctional facility. It was recommended it be described as an operational millage to encompass all facets of the facility and court house. There will be a “sally port” for prisoner entrance in the rear of the court house that will require additional construction costs. Commissioner Burns questioned whether or not there will be adequate staffing to operate the new jail facility set up. It may be necessary to hire additional staff. There may be other law enforcement millage options up for discussion. The millage amount being discussed is .2859 mills. The new facility should be up to 400 beds. Currently the cost to hold an inmate is \$45 per in the county jail as opposed to \$90 per day in a state prison.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION – Ed Stielstra

Ed Stielstra reported that the Planning Commission met on May 5 and continued the Zoning Ordinance discussion for the Blue Star Corridor area. There were no new items on the agenda.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Bob Scanlan

Bob Scanlan reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 26 and the following items were discussed: Cooklin Variance Request was approved and the Board appointments of David Weishaar as Chair and Bob Slikkers as Vice Chair.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – Chuck Strabbing

Chuck Strabbing reported that the Parks Commission met on April 21. The painting of the mansion is almost complete. The next paint project is the barn and that will begin this week. The disc golf course is heavily used and new tee pads are being installed. There has been a noticeable increase in activity at all parks.

F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – Deputy Bob Curnick

Deputy Bob Curnick reported that things are status quo. This Saturday, May 15 the 12th Annual Bike Rodeo will be held at Park Christian Reformed Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be food, activities and technicians to inspect bicycles all at no charge.

G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Cal Haverdink

The response calls for the month of April are as follows: 19 calls total, 15 calls from Laketown, consisting of 11 rescue and 4 fire, 1 call from Fillmore, consisting of 1 rescue calls and 0 fire. There were 3 fire assists to other departments: 2 from Saugatuck and 1 from Hamilton. Chief Cal Haverdink reported that the Graafschap Fire Department will also be at the Bike Rodeo to show the fire trucks and offer bucket rides to children.

H. DDA – No report.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECOVERY ZONE BOND RETURNING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer explained that this is for the shared use path and for the storm damage from June 19, 2009. There is \$25,000 in excess bonding authority to be returned to Allegan County to be used in other areas of the County.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve Recovery Zone Bond Returning Resolution 2010-10.**

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

B. OTTOGAN ADDICTIONS RECOVERY AGREEMENT

Supervisor Hofmeyer explained this organization is for substance abuse rehabilitation and they are requesting funding from the Township. The Board discussed this at the Workshop meeting and proposed \$1,000.00.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Ed Stielstra and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the \$1,000.00 donation to the Ottogan Addictions Recovery Agency.**

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

C. FIREWORKS PERMIT REQUEST

Terry Hofmeyer explained this request is for a wedding event at the Laketown Golf and Conference Center on June 12.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the Fireworks Permit Request.**

Fire Chief Cal Haverdink proposed several recommendations as noted in a submitted document to the Board. The vendor has performed fireworks at this site before.

Bob Scanlan asked if the Fire Department will have someone supervise the event. Cal responded that he will have someone on call if necessary but in the past the vendor has had adequate staffing.

Ed Stielstra asked if the permit is contingent on a response to the questions. Terry Hofmeyer responded that it is.

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

D. 143RD AVENUE CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Terry Hofmeyer explained the engineer's estimate for this culver replacement is approximately \$30,000.

A motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to approve the 143rd Avenue Culvert Replacement.

Ed Stielstra asked how much funding comes in from the Fire Roads and Bike Paths budget. Al Meshkin responded that it is about \$650,000 per year. The 143rd Avenue project will now cost approximately \$125,000. Ed asked Terry Burns if there has been any discussion on sharing culvert costs at the county level. He suggested that perhaps the Allegan County Road Commission should review their policy. Terry responded that he can raise the issue but the County Commission has no control over the Road Commission. If the culver is over 32 inches in size, the county will not pay any portion of the expense. They will only pay for culverts less than 32 inch diameter for which

they pay the entire amount.

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

E. CASTLE PARK SOUTH HILL WATER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT

Terry Hofmeyer gave a brief overview of the water improvements at Castle Park and this South Hill section is the last to be completed. There is a letter of intent from the Castle Park Association and the Latitude Engineering to award the contract for the South Hill project to Dan Hoe Excavating. Al Meshkin recommended approving the letter of intent contingent upon township attorney approval of an agreement for timely transmittal of funds from the Association to the Township.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis and seconded by Gary Dewey to approve the Castle Park South Hill Water Improvement Agreement contingent upon the appropriate document generated by Township Attorney Ron Bultje for scheduled funds transfer.**

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

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Randy Becksvoort of 3930 Beeline Road asked about the status of the new I2K wireless internet tower installation. Al Meshkin stated that the foundation has been poured and will cure for approximately three weeks before installation of the tower and antennae can begin.

ARTICLE XI.

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