

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

REGULAR MEETING  
June 9, 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

Ed Stielstra 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  
Cal Haverdink – Township Fire Chief  
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2010 meetings. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Wendy Van Huis 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. TREASURER’S REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of May 2010. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey 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

Pat Foster of West Michigan News Company submitted correspondence concerning the ballots of the 2008 election. The correspondence was received into record and filed.

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

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

Ed Stielstra reported that the Planning Commission met on June 2 and the following items were discussed: approved the adoption of Chapter 38, Zoning, into the Code of Ordinances and recommend the Township Board do the same; approved to make recommendation to the Township Board for approval of the Steele Property Rezoning Request; reviewed of Section 14.09 which addresses the issue of accessory buildings on parcels that no longer have the primary structure to which it would be an accessory.

- D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Bob Scanlan

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

- E. PARKS COMMISSION – Chuck Strabbing

Chuck Strabbing reported that the Parks Commission met on May 19 and discussed regular business updates and the potential for a music event at the Huyser Farm. Everything is going well in the parks and they are being heavily used. The Parks Commission is receiving numerous calls in regards to Laketown Beach relative to parking and excessive noise. The Commission is addressing each call to the best of its ability but it is difficult to enforce the rules with only one deputy on duty.

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer asked that the next Parks Commission meeting hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bike path at the next Township Board meeting. Al Meshkin will see that it is added to the July agenda.

- F. DEPUTY SHERIFF – No report.

- G. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – Cal Haverdink

The response calls for the month of May are as follows: 28 calls total, 19 calls from Laketown, consisting of 15 rescue and 4 fire, 9 call from Fillmore, consisting of 7 rescue calls and 2 fire. There were zero assists to other departments. Chief Haverdink advised the Board that the Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on July 3 beginning at 6:00 a.m. He invites all and any Board members to volunteer and/or attend the event. It is a great time for fellowship with the residents of the township.

- H. DDA – No report.

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

Judge Baillargeon reintroduced himself as a candidate for re-election to the Allegan County District Judge seat. He explained the many community interests that he is involved with in Allegan County. Judge Baillargeon also highlighted the diversion programs that are ongoing in the County in an effort to deter crime. He brought “Great Start” signs to promote a local summer reading program. He discussed the CASA program and its importance. The program also addresses domestic violence and the effects on children including the cyclical nature. He will leave some of the informational brochures at the Township Hall.

Ed Stielstra asked if the new jail will have a section for those with mental health issues. Judge Baillargeon responded that the intent is to keep the community safe and attempt to isolate those inmates that have special needs in this area. The new jail will have space for this whereas the current facility does not.

Supervisor Hofmeyer noted that he and Bob Scanlan are serving on the Citizen’s Committee for the new jail facility. He explained the dire work conditions for the jail workers. He also invited

citizens to visit the new facility for a tour.

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64<sup>th</sup> Street asked what is wrong with having a building on a parcel without a home structure. Ed Stielstra explained the wording of the ordinance is “accessory building”. By definition if it is an accessory building, it must be an accessory to a primary building. The rationale is to maintain good order and discipline throughout the township. The appearance and the maintenance of such a building are at risk if there is not a primary residence in place. Keith asked when the ordinance was put in place. Ed was not certain of the exact date. Ed stated that ultimately dealing by exception brings a host of other issues to address.

Bob Lamar of 4350 64<sup>th</sup> Street stated that there is a barn near the fire station that has been there for more than 30 years with no primary residence. Bob also asked what the Township match is on the bike path. Al Meshkin stated it is about \$400,000 in match of \$1.1 million in grants. Bob commented that we would be responsible for the maintenance. He asked what roads would be repaired this year. Terry Hofmeyer said 143<sup>rd</sup> from 64<sup>th</sup> to Beeline is scheduled for resurfacing. Bob said it seems that we are not taking care of the roads in the Township but using the money for bike paths. Terry explained that there are monies in the budget for drains, bike paths and roads. Wendy Van Huis asked if there were any roads in particular that Bob had concerns with. Bob responded that he does not have any one in particular. Wendy explained that the road repair is done on a rotational schedule. Wendy also commented that the new bike path is concrete and not asphalt which will have a longer life span. Bob asked if the bike path match is part of the 2 mils and Terry confirmed that it is.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 11, RESOLUTIONS 1-4

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer explained that each resolution will have action taken on separately. This addresses the area on Blue Star Highway east of the highway.

S.A.D. No. 11 Resolution #1 Township Resolution 2010-11 addresses the acquisition of 50,000 GPD capacity in the Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority wastewater treatment plant.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Gary Dewey to adopt the Special Assessment District No. 11, Township Resolutions 2010-11.**

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

S.A.D. No. 11 Resolution #2 Township Resolution 2010-12 addresses the approval of the cost estimate of \$250,000 for sanitary sewer system improvements related to the acquisition as noted above of 50,000 GPD capacity.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Ed Stielstra and Wendy Van Huis to approve the cost estimate of \$250,000 for sanitary sewer system improvements related to the acquisition of 50,000 GPD.**

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

S.A.D. No. 11 Resolution #3 Township Resolution 2010-13 addresses the public hearing for comment concerning the acquisition of 50,000 GPD capacity in the Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority wastewater treatment plant.

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer opened for public hearing. No public comment.

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer closed the public hearing.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Ed Stielstra to adopt S.A.D. No. 11 Resolution #3 Township Resolution 2010-13.**

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

S.A.D. No. 11 Resolution #4 Township Resolution 2011-14 addresses the date of the public hearing for any objections to the special assessment roll. The date is set for July 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to approve the date of July 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for the public hearing in regards to S.A.D. No. 11 Resolution #4 Township Resolution 2011-14.**

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

#### B. INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Supervisor Hofmeyer explained that the Board has been looking at the adoption of an International Property Maintenance Code. Unfortunately there are some properties in the Township that need attention and this would provide a uniform method of addressing such issues. Terry asked that the Board members review the information in preparation to discuss at the July meeting.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Scanlon and seconded by Ed Stielstra to accept for review the International Property Maintenance Code.**

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

#### C. ROAD RESURFACING BID

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the bid from Michigan Paving & Materials for the repair and resurfacing of 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 64<sup>th</sup> Street to Beeline Road. This was the lowest bid at \$103,056.00 compared to the budgeted amount of \$95,000.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Gary Dewey and seconded by Bob Scanlan to approve the bid of \$103,056.00 for the resurfacing of 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 64<sup>th</sup> Street to Beeline Road.**

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

Ed Stielstra asked for confirmation of the lane width and the placement of the side striping for allowing bicycle use. Al Meshkin responded that it will be at the standard 11 foot lane width. Ed would like to have discussion with Mr. Nelson from the Allegan County Road Commission relative to the option of a 10 foot wide lane to allow more space on the shoulder for bike and pedestrian use. Ed asked for support of the Board when he takes it to Road Commission. Terry stated that he would like to approve the expenditure but supports submitting a letter to the Road Commission asking for consideration of the change in width.

#### ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Judge Baillargeon stated that he went to the New Richmond bridge ribbon cutting ceremony and it was so much fun. It was a great opportunity for the community to get together and celebrate.

Keith Becksvoort of 4468 64<sup>th</sup> Street asked if the \$250,000 is for the purchase of the rights for the extra sewer usage. Al explained that of the 50,000 gallons 30,000 will be for the noted parcels and assessed accordingly. The other 20,000 will be held for the Township use and paid for by the sewer budget. Keith asked how it will be run under the highway. Al stated that it will be constructed under the highway and currently there is a permit that was applied for in 2007 that will expire in November of 2010 so it would be advantageous to start the work as soon as possible. Keith commented that there will be a need for a lift station to get this sewer under the highway.

Randy Becksvoort of 3930 Beeline Road said the bike path is amazing and looks really nice. His property is on the north end of where the bike path enters the MDOT property and it seems that people are driving onto the bike path with automobiles. It was his concern when the width of the path was declared. He also noted that there are patches on 64<sup>th</sup> Street that are in need of repair. Al Meshkin responded that 64<sup>th</sup> Street is a primary Allegan County Road and not under Township jurisdiction for repair. In regards to Laketown Beach, he asked how much land is owned east of the parking lot because it seems that the hill keeps encroaching. Al responded the area east of the parking lot is not owned by the Township.

Bob Lamar of 4350 of 64<sup>th</sup> Street asked how we are going to keep the fancy dressed bike riders off the road and onto the bike path. Terry Hofmeyer responded that they have the legal right to be on the road and typically are riding at 25 miles per hour. Bob stated that they can observe the rules on the bike path like we have to observe on the roads.

#### ARTICLE XI.

**A motion was made by Bob Scanlan and seconded by Wendy Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**