

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Linda Howell called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Dewey (Zoom from home), Linda Howell, Jim Johnson (5:03 p.m. Zoom from home), Michelle Sall (Zoom from home), Jim Delaney (Zoom from home)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin, Township Manager; Jim Hayden, public information officer

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dewey, second by Delaney, to approve the Dec. 2 workshop minutes as presented. PASS UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL

ARTICLE III. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None

ARTICLE IV. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed the financial report. Delaney asked about the Felt Mansion and Meshkin explained the township covers capital costs. Johnson noted a high bill for attorney fees. Meshkin said there was lots of activity at the planning commission level that accounts for increase.

Meshkin noted water contracts are OK for now.

Meshkin presented the board with an early draft of the 2021-2022 budget. Meshkin said the pandemic's impact was not as financially severe on the township as first thought because of increased revenue due to online sales tax and increase in construction. Allegan County's millage proposal that passed in November gives the township the option to increase its millage from 0.5503 for general operating to 1.07 in 2021. He said most township revenue comes in December though the fiscal year ends March 31 so 1.00 mill would help cash flow. He will have more details at the February workshop.

Sall said work at the cemetery was delayed due to the pandemic. She said ground needs to be evaluated and that will be reflected in the budget.

Meshkin will determine by Monday if there will be a January township board meeting because of a lack of agenda items.

ARTICLE IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Salary resolutions. The board discussed increasing trustee salaries from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year, the possibility of eliminating or changing stipends for trustees who serve on the planning commission, zoning board of appeals and parks commission. Howell said she will look at

stipends and put together a couple of options for future discussion. This item will not appear on the January agenda.

- b) Parks commission. The board discussed replacement of Ellen Fitch who passed away. Howell will continue to seek a replacement and said all board members can recommend people. This item will not be on the January agenda. The board also discussed ways to recognize people who leave a board or commission. Howell discussed planting trees in their honor. Board members liked the idea. Howell will bring the idea to the parks commission and work with Meshkin to get more details.

ARTICLE V. NEXT WORKSHOP – The next regular workshop meeting is 5 p.m., Wednesday Feb. 3, 2021.

ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

None

ARTICLE VII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.