

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

July 14, 2021

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Linda Howell called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. Zoom option available for the public. All present board members and staff in-person at township hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – township manager  
Jim Hayden – public information officer

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from June. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve the June bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Kapenga: Talked about what to do with rescue funds; told township board to inform residents with questions about the new ORV ordinance to visit the county website at AlleganCounty.org for information on where vehicles can travel.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from July.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Delaney reviewed Zoning Board of Appeals action from June.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairman Tom Shuff reviewed Parks Commission action from June, noting 120 responses from survey handed out at Graafschap Fire Department pancake breakfast. Results being tabulated.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed June fire/rescue calls with 65 total calls, Fillmore – 3 fire calls, 12 medical/rescue calls, Laketown – 9 fire calls, 36 medical/rescue calls, Assists – 5 fire calls (1 Hamilton, 1 Holland, 3 Saugatuck). Pancake breakfast had 850 people.

At 7:15 p.m., Zoom and public address system was shut down due to problems with the audio. Zoom participants could not hear the board. System rebooted. Board stopped all action, Sound and Zoom contact restored at 7:31 p.m. Board resumed action.

ARTICLE V. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS -- None

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS

A: COFFMAN REZONING REQUEST

The township board discussed the proposed rezoning from Josh and Kristin Coffman, 6022 138<sup>th</sup> Ave., Holland, parcel # 0311-036-001-01, who requested the property be rezoned from R-1 Rural Estate District to MU Mixed Use District. A pumpkin patch and related activities are planned. The planning commission recommended approval. Delaney and Sall questioned parking. Kristin Coffman said a parking lot is planned that will accommodate about 40 vehicles. The Coffmans are also working with the Allegan County Road Commission on possible culvert to handle deep ditch along road. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve Ordinance No. 203 Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance changing land as described from R-1 Rural Estate District to MU Mixed Use District as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

B: PARKS COMMISSION RESIGNATION

The township board discussed the resignation of Kathleen Dearborn from the Parks Commission. Dearborn submitted letter of resignation June 15. **A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Dewey, to accept the resignation with regret of Kathleen Dearborn from the Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**

The township board will reach out to interested residents and put a notice in the township newsletter about the opening. Anyone interested should send information to Meshkin.

C: COMCAST INTERNET ACCESS

Delaney brought up concerns from residents who had cabling left on the ground, unburied. Meshkin stated all issues with Comcast should be emailed to him and he will forward to the appropriate person at Comcast.

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS -- None

ARTICLE IX ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**