

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

January 12, 2022

1. 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 also available for the public.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – township manager
Doug Den Bleyker – Graafschap Fire Department chief
Jim Hayden – public information officer

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the December 8, 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 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

3. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from December. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dewey, to approve the December bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

4. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Kapenga: Introduced Allegan County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jim Storey who will be representing the township after redistricting. They shared accomplishments of the county for the year.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from January.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.
- d. Parks Commission: No report.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed December fire/rescue calls with 104 total calls, Fillmore – 3 fire calls, 25 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 29 fire calls, 42 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 2 fire calls (1 Holland, 1 Saugatuck), 3 medical/rescue assists to Holland.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Dewey noted the Community Enhancement Program through the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council distributed grants to area groups.

When asked, Meshkin responded the township has acquired two parcels adjoining Laketown Township beach.

Ed Potter, 3920 Beeline Road: Asked the township to negotiate with SEMCO Energy for natural gas service extension to his neighborhood. Meshkin will look into it.

6. OLD BUSINESS -- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Township Board Salary Resolutions

The township board discussed the salary resolutions. No pay increases are included in the proposals. Dewey said the board should look at pay increases next fiscal year because of growth in the township meaning more work for board members.

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve Resolution 2022-01 Trustee Salary Resolution at \$4,500 each. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dewey, to approve Resolution 2022-02 Clerk Salary Resolution at \$15,000. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE

A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2022-03 Treasurer Salary Resolution at \$15,000. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2022-04 Supervisor Salary Resolution for \$15,000. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE

b. Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution

The board discussed poverty exemption guidelines. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to approve Resolution 2022-05 Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution as presented with a 17.61 percent increase in the exemption and \$9,115 household assets for the Board of Review. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

c. Board Appointments

The board discussed reappointments and appointment to board and committee positions. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the reappointment of Casey Kimes and Richard Swanson to the Zoning Board of Appeals (3 years), Marcia Perry to the Planning Commission (3 years), and Helen Heneveld (alt), Kevin Stoike, Mark DeHaan and Barb Hibiski to the Board of Review (2 years). Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dewey, to appoint Stephen Penfield and Bob

Slikkers as Zoning Board of Appeals alternates. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

d. Uses of ARPA Funds

The board discussed uses of \$622,000 American Rescue Plan Act funds as presented. Meshkin noted that Fillmore Township will contribute about \$20,000 to the Graafschap Fire Department. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve uses of American Rescue Plan Act funds #2.18 Responding to the Public Health Emergency and Negative Economic Impacts. Parks maintenance equipment \$50,000; #2.18 Responding to the Public Health Emergency and Negative Economic Impacts. Pickleball court construction \$50,000; and #2.1 Responding to the Public Health Emergency and Negative Economic Impacts. Fire Department equipment. \$80,000. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

e. Release of Baumann P.U.D. Agreement

The board discussed the termination of the 6331 146th Ave, Planned Unit Development contract. **A motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Dewey, to approve the termination of 6331 146th Ave. PUD contract as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

8. CITIZENS COMMENTS -- None

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.