

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

October 13, 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 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
Jim Hayden – public information officer

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the Sept. 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 BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from September. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Sall, to approve the September 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: Not present.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from October.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Delaney reviewed Zoning Board of Appeals action from September.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairman Tom Shuff reviewed Parks Commission action from September.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed September fire/rescue calls with 65 total calls, Fillmore – 1 fire call, 12 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 11 fire calls, 39 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 2 fire calls (1 Holland, 1 Saugatuck).

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

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS

A: Blue Star Trail Memorandum of Understanding

The township board discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding to Blue Star Trail. Meshkin reported it is an update of a 2018 agreement with the addition of Saugatuck City. It has no expense for Laketown Township. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the Blue Star Trail Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

B: Pikaart Lease of Outlot

The township board discussed the proposed agreement for Mike and Amy Pikaart, 4359 Meadow Lane, to lease the township-owned outlot as described in the proposal Exhibit A. Meshkin explained that the township first looked at a license agreement but that created insurance issues so a lease agreement was used instead. The township attorney drafted the agreement which is effective for 10 years and renewable. No rental fee is included, the Pikaarts agree to work on the property to maintain it and remove invasive species. Sall asked if she should recuse herself because of her relationship with the Pikaarts. Meshkin said since there is no financial gain involved, recusal was not needed. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Property Lease Agreement between Laketown Township and the Pikaarts as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS -- None

ARTICLE IX ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.