

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

November 10, 2021

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Treasurer Gary Dewey 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, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall (Zoom, non-voting)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Howell

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 Oct. 13, 2021, meeting. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Delaney, to approve the minutes as submitted. Dewey called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from October. **A motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Johnson, to approve the October bills as submitted. Dewey called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE IV. ALLEGAN COUNTY LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTER – JUDGE BAKKER

Chief Judge of the 48th Circuit Court Margaret Bakker addressed the board regarding the Allegan County Legal Assistance Center, explaining the center's services and clients. Director Linda Teeter asked the board for financial support in the next budget.

ARTICLE V. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Kapenga: Updated the board on Allegan County Board activities.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from November.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairman Tom Shuff reviewed Parks Commission action from October.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed October fire/rescue calls with 63 total calls, Fillmore – 4 fire calls, 11 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 20 fire calls, 22 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 6 fire calls (5 Holland, 1 Saugatuck).

ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Lori Antkoviak, executive director Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center, Allegan: Gave overview of facility and its growth. Requested financial support from the township through America Rescue Plan Act funds.

Sherry Alexander, 4383 Meadow Lane: Asked about noise ordinance. Said nearby land has a quad track on it and the constant noise means she can't open windows or sit on porch. What can be done about it?

Deborah Parker, 4390 Meadow Lane: Noise from quads is non-stop on Saturdays, vehicles on the road and track; frustrated by the noise.

Amy Pikaart, 4359 Meadow Lane: Frustrated by quads and noise created; track is loud and disruptive.

Sarah, no last name, on 144th Avenue: Has same noise problem, can't open windows; noise from quads is constant.

ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A: Holland Aquatic Center Reappointment

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Delaney, to reappoint Sara Giesler to the Holland Area Community Swimming Pool Authority Board. Dewey called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE

B: P.U.D. Agreements

Meshkin explained the Woodhams-Oosterbaan and Villas of Laketown planned unit development contracts. The board discussed the proposed contracts.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Delaney, to approve the Woodhams-Oosterbaan P.U.D. agreement as presented. Dewey called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

A motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Villas of Laketown P.U.D. agreement as presented. Dewey called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

C: Single Waste Hauler License Extension

Meshkin explained the township's contract with Republic for its single waste hauler license. The contract expires on March 31, 2022. To extend the license another 5 years, the township must act at least 90 days of that date or it expires. The contract can be extended but not amended at this time. Meshkin said approval of the extension gives the township 5 years to negotiate changes. The board discussed the license extension. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to approve the five-year extension of the single waste hauler license with Republic. Dewey called for a vote**

on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

D: Noise Ordinance Discussion

The board discussed the issue of quads/ORVs in the Meadow Lane area. Meshkin said the township's ordinance is dated and needs to be modernized. He recommended residents call 911 to get police to the scene. Even if police don't come to the call, contact 911 so there is a record. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Delaney, to instruct township staff to work with the attorney to make an improved noise ordinance. Dewey called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE IX. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sherry Alexander, 4383 Meadow Lane: Thanked board for listening to noise issue.

Deborah Parker, 4390 Meadow Lane: Asked if ORVs are allowed on cul-de-sacs? Meshkin said the township cannot control that.

Mitra Delaney, 6298 144th Ave.: Concerned about Meadow Lane, needs to be an ordinance to stop ORVs from being on cul-de-sacs.

William Kazanova, 6750 Halcyon Drive: Asked when the board will discuss the use of America Rescue Plan Act funds and if the public can participate in the discussion. Meshkin said the ARPA funds are part of a special meeting tentatively moved to Nov. 29 (after being canceled due to illness on Nov. 15) and the public can comment.

Steve Parker, 4390 Meadow Lane: Thanks to Judge Bakker and Safe Harbor representatives for the informative presentations; a second truck for recycling services would have more impact on the roads.

ARTICLE IX ADJOURN

A motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Dewey called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE.