

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

November 11, 2020

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 with some participants using the Zoom application.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Howell, Gary Dewey (Zoom from Laketown Township),  
Michelle Sall (Zoom from Holland), Jim Johnson, Ed Stielstra  
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. 9, 2020, meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from September and October.

**A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Stielstra to approve the September bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve the October bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

ARTICLE IV. CORRESPONDENCE – None

## ARTICLE V. REPORT OF OFFICEFRS

### A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER KAPENGA

Allegan County Commissioner Dean Kapenga addressed the board, noting the county has passed its 2021 budget and with the passage of the county ballot request will look at broadband. Manager Meshkin suggested the county use the fiber optic network already in place throughout the county to help build the system for residents. Supervisor Howell asked Kapenga to supply the township with numbers of Laketown residents who use the services of the Allegan County Commission on Aging. Kapenga will get them.

### B. PLANNING COMMISSION – Johnson

Johnson reviewed action of the Nov. 4 Planning Commission meeting, noting action on the Baumann P.U.D. request, Rypma Special Use Request, Slagh Rezoning Request, Darby/Trigon Special Use Request, West Wind Lake Estates P.U.D. Amendment Request and a closed session to discuss the written opinion of our attorney with our attorney.

### C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – None

### D. PARKS COMMISSION – Meshkin

Manager Meshkin noted the parks commission discussed possible new pickleball courts.

### E. GRAASCHAP FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Doug DenBleyker

Chief reported a total of 97 calls for October with 2 fire calls and 29 medical/rescue calls in Fillmore Township and 17 fire calls and 44 medical/rescue calls in Laketown Township; 1 assist to Saugatuck and 4 assists to Holland.

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

None

## ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS -- None

## ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. OTTAWA CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPPORT LETTER

The Ottawa Conservation District has requested Laketown join the proposed Regional Conservation Partnership Program in Ottawa County. Laketown shares an aquifer with Ottawa County. Manager Meshkin said the letter does not obligate the township to commit to any spending. A township representative would need to attend a quarterly meeting. Johnson suggested opening that representative position to volunteers. **A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Stielstra to send a support letter as drafted to the Ottawa Conservation District. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

## B. 2020 MASTER PLAN

The township board discussed the Master Plan as approved by the planning commission. Manager Meshkin explained the document includes a new zoning district which has been called R-1 ½ (for lack of a formal name) that straddles the R-1 and R-2 districts as a transition district. Manager Meskin does not expect the township to look at the details of forming that district for a year or two. Johnson added the planning commission looked at a Resort-Commercial District but decided against it. Board members thanked the planning commission and staff for their work on the document.

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### **EXCERPTS OF MINUTES**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Laketown, Allegan County, Michigan held at the Township Hall at 4338 Beeline Road, Holland, Michigan, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Linda Howell, Michelle Sall, Gary Dewey, Ed Stielstra, Jim Johnson

ABSENT: None

After certain other matters of business were concluded, the Supervisor stated that the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution regarding the approval of the Laketown Township 2020 Master Plan. After discussion, the following resolution was offered by Stielstra and supported by Sall.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-09 MASTER PLAN APPROVAL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) authorizes the Planning Commission to prepare a Master Plan for the use, development and preservation of all lands in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laketown Township Planning Commission prepared a proposed new Master Plan and submitted the plan to the Township Board for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laketown Township Planning Commission made the necessary inquiries, investigations, and surveys of the appropriate resources of the Township, and considered the character of the Township and its suitability for particular uses judged in terms of such factors as the trend in land and population development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan, as proposed, will promote public health, safety and general welfare; will encourage the use of resources in accordance with their character and adaptability; will avoid the overcrowding of land by buildings or people; will lessen congestion on public roads and streets; and will facilitate provision for a system of transportation, sewage disposal, safe and adequate water supply, recreation and other public improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2020, the Laketown Township Board reviewed the proposed Master Plan prepared by the Planning Commission and authorized distribution of the Master Plan to surrounding municipalities and regional planning organizations as identified in the MPEA; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was provided to the surrounding municipalities and regional planning organizations as provided in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laketown Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 7, 2020 to consider public comment on the proposed amended Master Plan, and to further review and comment on the proposed Master Plan; and

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**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2020 the Laketown Township Planning Commission adopted the Master Plan, as presented to the public on October 7, 2020 with minor land use adjustment in the area of 63<sup>rd</sup> St. and Blue Star Highway and minor text changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, the Laketown Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the Laketown Township 2020 Master Plan as adopted by the Laketown Township Planning Commission.

YES: Howell, Sall, Dewey, Stielstra, Johnson

NO: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: November 11, 2020

Michelle Sall, Clerk

### C. 2021 ROAD WORK

The township board discussed the proposed 2021 road work plan presented by Manager Meshkin for an estimated cost of \$475,000. The plan includes resurfacing 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to cul-de-sac for \$100,000, resurfacing 141<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to 61<sup>st</sup> Street for \$80,000, resurfacing 61<sup>st</sup> Street from 141<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for \$80,000, reconstructing the bike path on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street north of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue for \$210,000, four roadside mowings for \$4,000 and dust control for \$1,000. **A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dewey to accept the 2021 Proposed Road Work plan as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

### ARTICLE IX. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Keith Becksvort, 4468 64<sup>th</sup> St.: When will north half of 64<sup>th</sup> Street be repaved? Manager Meshkin said he will discuss it with the Allegan County Road Commission at their annual meeting in January,

expects it to be 2021 or 2022.

Supervisor Howell presented Stielstra with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service to the township including his years on the township board. The November 11 meeting was Stielstra's last meeting as a township board member.

#### ARTICLE X ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Dewey to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**