

**PROPOSED MINUTES**  
**LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423  
**WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021**

**ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER**

Treasurer Gary Dewey called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey (via Zoom due to medical condition),  
Linda Howell (arrived 5:18 p.m.), Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall (arrived 5:13 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Al Meshkin, township manager; Jim Hayden, public information officer

**ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Delaney, second by Johnson, to approve the Aug. 4 workshop minutes as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE. PASS UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE III. FINANCES**

The board discussed the finance report. The board came to the consensus that the report will be on the Sept. 8 agenda.

**ARTICLE IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Meshkin informed the board about how intercounty drains are governed. The board reached a consensus that Resolution 2021-09 Ottogon Drain Assessment Acceptance Resolution will be on the agenda for the Sept. 8 meeting. Meshkin will investigate if a cap can be put on total costs.
- b) Meshkin informed the board that bids for repairs of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Street multi-use path will be opened on Tuesday. The board discussed the repairs and costs. The board reached a consensus to put the bids on the Sept. 8 meeting agenda.
- c) The board discussed the proposed Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance, noting possible changes for the planning commission to consider before its public hearing later in the evening. The proposed changes are under Sec. 38-219 (2) elimination of the word "total"; and Sec. 38-495 (d)(1) elimination of "10 feet wide." The board reached a consensus to put the item on the Sept. 8 meeting assuming it passed the planning commission.

**ARTICLE V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Meshkin updated the board on the status of an agreement with Mike and Amy Pikaart regarding the township-owned out-lot adjacent to 4359 Meadow Lane.
- b) Meshkin updated the board on the status of the Holland water agreement.
- c) Meshkin updated the board on the status of money from the American Recovery Act.
- d) Meshkin updated the board on the single waste hauler contract that expires March 31, 2022.
- e) Meshkin updated the board on his contract that expires March 31, 2022. It has an auto-extension for one year absent board action prior to October 1.
- f) Sall suggested the board look at poverty exemptions for property taxes.
- g) Sall asked the board to start considering the issue of charter township status as required by the Michigan Secretary of State.
- h) Sall reminded the board that the newsletter deadline is the end of the month.

- i) Johnson noted that invasive Japanese knotweed has been found along 64<sup>th</sup> Street.

**ARTICLE VI. NEXT WORKSHOP** – The next regular workshop meeting is 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021.

**ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**ARTICLE VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.