

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

July 13, 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 May 11, 2022, meeting. No June 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 May and June. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Sall, to approve the May and June 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: Updated the board on Allegan County issues.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson shared activity from July meeting.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Delaney noted no June meeting.
- d. Parks Commission: Tom Shuff updated the board on parks commission issues.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker: June fire/rescue calls -- 86 total, Fillmore – 3 fire calls, 20 medical/rescue calls; Laketown – 12 fire calls, 44 medical/rescue calls; Assists – 3 fire calls (2 to Holland, 1 to Hamilton), 4 medical/rescue calls (2 to Holland, 1 to Hamilton, 1 to Saugatuck). He said more than 1,400 people attended the July 4 pancake breakfast.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS -- None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Park Restroom Bond Proposition Resolution

The board discussed the proposal to put a \$1,210,000, 0.4562 mill issue for restrooms at township parks on the November ballot. Dewey said he could not support the proposal due to the economy. Delaney agreed, felt that the project could be done more cheaply, maybe \$500,000, and does not support the millage but does support the residents' right to vote on it. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Sall, to approve Resolution 2022-09 Park Restrooms Bond Proposition as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. YES – Delaney, Howell, Johnson, Sall. NO – Dewey. MOTION APPROVED 4-1 BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

### b. Bond Calling Resolutions

The board discussed three bond calling resolutions. These resolutions will allow the township to pay off some debt early.

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to approve Resolution 2022-10 Resolution Approving Redemption of Part of the Callable Outstanding Laketown Township Capital Improvement Bonds Series 2005 Prior to Maturity. Howell called for a vote on the motion. YES – Delaney, Dewey, Howell, Johnson, Sall. NO – None. MOTION APPROVED 5-0 BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2022-11 Resolution Approving Redemption of Part of the Callable Outstanding Laketown Township Building Authority Building Authority Bonds Series 2007 Prior to Maturity. Howell called for a vote on the motion. YES – Delaney, Dewey, Howell, Johnson, Sall. NO – None. MOTION APPROVED 5-0 BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2022-12 Resolution Approving Redemption of Part of the Callable Outstanding Laketown Township Capital Improvement Bonds Series 2008 Prior to Maturity. Howell called for a vote on the motion. YES – Delaney, Dewey, Howell, Johnson, Sall. NO – None. MOTION APPROVED 5-0 BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

### c. Bike Path Repair and Resurface Bid Approval

The board discussed the bids for repaving and repairing the bike path on 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 61<sup>st</sup> and part of 62<sup>nd</sup> streets. Meshkin noted there might be a future request to repave and repair the remaining stretch of the path on 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 64<sup>th</sup> Street.

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to accept the bid of \$199,700 for shared use path repairs from Ryerson Brothers Excavating LLC, 2979 Industrial Pkwy, Muskegon, and Bid Alternate No. 1 for \$48,937.50. Howell called for a vote on the motion. YES – Delaney, Dewey, Howell, Johnson, Sall. NO – None. MOTION APPROVED 5-0 BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

d. Villas of Laketown North P.U.D. Agreement

The board discussed the amended P.U.D. amendment recommended by the planning commission to add 10 acres and 22 more units to the project with frontage on 60<sup>th</sup> Street by Covenant Cove LLC, 5136 Cascade Road SE, Suite 2A, Grand Rapids, for a total of 102 units.

**A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Villas of Laketown North P.U.D. Agreement as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**

e. Township Board Resignation

Howell said a member of the board might resign. The issue should be resolved by the August meeting. The township will then have 45 days to fill the position.

## 8. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Seth Getz, Holland: Introduced self as candidate for the 86th State House District includes the city of Holland and Park, Laketown and part of Holland townships.

Nancy DeBoer, Holland: Candidate for the 86th State House District includes the city of Holland and Park, Laketown and part of Holland townships, thanked Graafschap Fire Department for the pancake breakfast.

Howell mentioned she met recently with the director of the Michigan Department of Transportation at a Macatawa Area Coordinating Council meeting regarding funds for highway repairs and she mentioned funds for a pedestrian bridge for Blue Star Highway over I-196.

## 10. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.**