Regular Board Meeting Thursday December 10,2024

Regular meeting of the Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor; John Hibbard, Treasurer; Harry Trier, Trustee; Pam Surprenant, and Clerk; Andrea Grabowski. Absent: Trustee; Scott Hassler

Motion Trier seconded by Hibbard to approve the agenda with additions. All in favor. MC.

Motion Trier seconded by Surprenant to approve meeting minutes from November 14, 2024. All in favor. MC

Motion Surprenant seconded by Trier to accept the resignation John Hibbard from Lake Township fire department in good standing effective immediately. All in favor. MC.

Motion Surprenant second Grabowski to accept the resignation of Scott Hassler from Lake Township fire department in good standing effective immediately. All in favor. MC.

Motion Surprenant seconded Trier to assign non-statutory duties of the Lake Township fire fighter to John Hibbard with compensation per MCL41.96. All in favor. MC.

Motion Surprenant seconded Trier to assign non-statutory duties of the Lake Township fire fighter to Scott Hassler with compensation per MCL41.96. All in favor. MC.

Motion Trier seconded by Hibbard to approve the bills and payroll checks #45856 through 45905 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register. All in favor. MC.

Unfinished Business:

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to appoint Scott Hassler to Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority with term beginning January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030 (6-year term). All in favor. MC.

Motion Trier seconded by Surprenant to appoint John Hibbard to the Houghton Lake Special Assessment District (SAD) board. All in favor. MC.

The board discussed sick leave and decided to make work session before December 18, 2024.

New Business:

Financial Report was given by Treasurer Trier. Taxes are due by February 14th, 2024. To pay in person Treasurer Trier will be at the township hall on December 30th, 2024, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm collecting taxes.

HLSA/HLBA was given.

Fire Chief's Report was received and filed.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report was received and filed.

Planning Commission Report was received and filed.

Board Representative to PC Report

Motion Surprenant seconded by Grabowski for a special land use permit in RR1 District for Rick & Kristen Sherman 9183 Peter Avenue to keep poultry to include the conditions presented at the planning commission meeting. RC: Surprenant-aye Grabowski-aye, Trier-nay, Hibbard-nay. (aye-2, nay-2). Motion Failed.

Motion Surprenant to make a special land use permit for Rick & Kristen Sherman 9183 Peter Avenue not to exceed the number of accessory structures permitted in ordinance 9 article 4 sec 435 #8. Allowing the chicken coop to include conditions presented at the P.C. meeting with it being a 3rd accessory structure. Motion falls to the floor.

Supervisor Hibbard to get more information and add to special meeting work session.

ZBA Report received and filed.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Surprenant to accept the resignation of Mike Surprenant from the ZBA in good standing. All in favor. MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to appoint Ryan Metz to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor. MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier for supervisor Hibbard to reach out to Mr. Wilson to see if he can resolve ZBA issue without going to court. If he can then we will redo the ZBA. If supervisor Hibbard can not then we will let him proceed on. All in favor. MC

Assessor Report No Meeting necessary this month.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report not received.

Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority minutes sent and filed.

Parks & Recreation Report was given.

Lake Level SAD Advisory Board nothing given.

Correspondence/Supervisor Report was given by supervisor Hibbard.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Suprenant to contract Anthony Farhat at \$42.00 per month to manage cemetery. Providing township board 3 quotes of proper marking of the lots and 3 quotes of the cemetery software programs. All in favor. MC **Motion** Surprenant seconded by Trier to pay Trustee Surprenant non-statutory pay of \$50.00 per month to manage Lake Township Website. All in favor. MC

Motion Trier seconded by Hibbard to fund the Appropriated Fund Balance with a budget amendment of \$12,673.81 to be placed into the John Hancock Retirement for the Township Boad for FY 24-25. All in favor. MC

Public Comment: was heard. **Board Comment:** was given.

Motion Hibbard, seconded by Trier to adjourn meeting at 8:18 pm. All in favor. MC.

Respectfully Submitted, Andrea Grabowski, Lake Township Clerk, www.lake-township.com.

Subject to correction/approval.

