

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
April 13, 2021 @ 7pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 for a regular board meeting. Keith Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Keith Stiles - Supervisor, Pam Surprenant-Clerk, Harry Trier-Treasurer, Anthony Farhat-Trustee and David Russo Jr.-Trustee.

Motion: Surprenant to approve the April 13, 2021 agenda adding the March 9, 2021 Special Budget Meeting minutes for approval along with two additional bills one to John Hancock for \$67.50 and the second to All Shores for \$143.38. **Second:** Russo Jr. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Trier to approve the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Trier to approve the March 9, 2021 Special Budget Meeting minutes. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Trier to approve the April 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Budget Amendments:

Surprenant to approve budget amendment generated from the annual meeting. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve annual salaries and payroll taxes Supervisor from \$20,100. to \$22,100., payroll taxes \$2,210., Treasurer from \$20,100. to \$22,100., payroll taxes from \$500. to \$700., Trustee wages from \$8,655.36 to \$10,155.36, Trustee payroll tax from \$655. to \$1,016.00.

Second: Russo Jr. **4 Yea-1 Nay (Farhat) Motion Carries. Motion:** Surprenant to approve \$150.71 from general fund to street light fund to balance FY20-21. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Approval to Pay the Bills and Payroll Checks: Surprenant provided the public with the credit card distribution report as well as a report of all payroll and accounts payable checks, including descriptions, written since March 10, 2021. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve to pay the bills and payroll checks (checks #43273 through #43313). In addition, paying John Hancock for \$67.50 and All Shores for \$143.38. **Second:** Stiles. **4 Yea 1 Nay (Russo Jr.) Motion Carries.**

Old Business:

Marihuana Trier read the attorney email regarding the Marihuana Ordinance. Trier stated it is best when the zoning laws and ordinance happen simultaneously. Trier explained an overlay district. Trier continued the attorney will work with the Planning Commission to enact zoning for the Marihuana Ordinance. Russo Jr. to present at upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

New Business:

Supervisor Correspondence Stiles stated he received correspondence regarding Marihuana and short term rental copies available. Stiles thanked the Fire Department for moving trucks to hold the annual meeting in the fire truck bays.

Financial Report: Trier stated Financial report is available for the public. **Motion:** Trier to transfer 30K from the general fund to the street light fund to cover FY 21-22 street light cost.

Second: Surprenant. **All in Favor. Motion Carries. Motion:** Trier to transfer 85K from the fire equipment fund to the sewer fund to repay final loan payment for Truck 825. **Second:** Russo Jr. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

HLIB Report Representative Mikolaizik not present. Stiles stated Resorter covered the meeting. **Fire Chief's Report** Received; nothing further.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report Received; Rose stated after talking with EGLE seawalls can still be done on a permit basis. However, Higgins Lake has an ordinance not allowing seawalls.

Planning Commission Report Received; nothing further.

ZBA Report Hull stated no activity to report.

Assessor's Report Houseman not present.

Supervisor's Report Stiles provided update on meetings attended.

Roscommon County Road Agreement Brian J. supplied the Board with the RCRC 2021 road project agreement. **Motion:** Stiles to approve RCRC agreement for 2021. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Fire Department New Hires & Pagers Wrzesinski stated he has one resignation; C. Dilts and two new hires J. Hibbard and J. Koerber. **Motion:** Farhat to accept resignation of C. Dilts in good standing. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries. Motion:** Farhat to accept new hires J. Hibbard and J. Koerber, with six month probation period. **Second:** Russo Jr. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.** Wrzesinski stated the Fire Department needs additional pagers but is hoping to work toward another grant, but based on timing would like approval to purchase pagers should the grant timing determine to be too long. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve purchase of two pagers should the timing of the grant prove to be too lengthy. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Cemetery Farhat commented on the cemetery roads and a resident request to add additional roads in order to access loved one. The additional road would run along the back section of the cemetery on the right and left sides and along the back fence, in a U shape. Farhat continued this would be approximately 900 feet, 9-10 foot wide costing between 42K-75K. Discussion regarding benches and milage for cemetery road.

Interlocal Agreement Stiles stated the Houghton Lake Building Agency is working on agreement between townships and the board received a draft copy of the agreement. Surprenant questioned page 6, item B.

Ordinance 50B Public Safety & Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery Surprenant stated Fire Chief brought forward difficulty in working with current ordinance in place for cost recovery. Surprenant continued this was reviewed by the attorney and board received revised ordinance and attorney comments. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve Ordinance 50B Public Safety & Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery. **Second:** Russo Jr. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Roscommon County Equalization Trier presented the agreement going over three options. **Motion:** Trier to accept Option A, full service, \$1.15 per parcel with .45 cents postage per mailing for FY 21-22. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Bids Mowing/Blight Stiles stated the township received one bid for township lawn maintenance from K. Rose \$4,450.00 for 2021 season. **Motion:** Stiles to accept lawn maintenance bid from K. Rose for \$4,450.00 for 2021 season. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Russo Jr,-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-abstain, Stiles-yes. 4 Yay - 1 Abstain- Motion Carries.** Stiles stated the township received one bid for blight mowing from E. Frederick at \$60.00 an hour with a minimum of two hours. Stiles stated the insurance is needed. **Motion:** Stiles to accept lawn maintenance bid from E. Frederick for blight mowing at \$60.00 an hour with a minimum of two hours. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Committee Report New Hall Surprenant read the committee report indicating Riss and Lukatch are the additional two members. Surprenant stated the lot adjacent to the Fire Department has been staked with a building footprint for the community to review and provide feed back.

Brush Hog Bid Stiles talked about the walking path in the woods adjacent to township hall. Stiles stated he did not expect the cost to exceed \$1000.00. **Motion:** Stiles to proceed with the walk cost not to exceed \$1000.00. **Second:** Russo Jr. Discussion. **Roll Call Vote: Russo Jr,-yes, Surprenant-no, Trier-no, Farhat-no, Stiles-yes. 2 Yay - 3 Nay- Motion Fails.**

Computer Motion: Stiles to be reimbursed for lap top in the amount of \$399.00, lap top is township property. **Second:** Surprenant. **Roll Call Vote: Surprenant-yes, Russo Jr,-yes, Farhat-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Board Comment Trier stated he researched the email the township received regarding the stimulus package and Lake Township will receive \$118,000.00. Infrastructure is an example of what the funds could be used for. The funds must be used by 2024. Surprenant stated the fire chief informed her some of the Fire Department vendors are waiting five weeks for payment depending on when the service takes place. Bringing this to the board to see what the township could do to pay the vendors more timely.

Public Comment Comment regarding road work relating to Sun Down Point. Comment regarding construction of patio. Comment regarding cemetery roads and short term rentals. Comment (personal) regarding board member. Comment regarding communication. Comment regarding personally going after another in public comments. Comment regarding slow pitch game, with three teams to bring the community together. Contact Supervisor if you are interested.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk

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Approved at LTRM 5/11/21

