

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday December 13, 2022**

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

Roll Call: Board members present: Supervisor; Anthony Farhat, Treasurer; Harry Trier, Trustee; David Russo Jr, Trustee; Tony Olson and Clerk; Andrea Grabowski.

Motion Grabowski, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with changes. All in favor. MC

Motion Trier, seconded by Olson to approve November 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor
MC

Motion Olson, seconded by Russo Jr. to approve with changes the bills and payroll checks #44837 to #44887 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register with void of ck: 44836 due to it coming out EFT. 44887 is for Household Hazardous Waste that wasn't paid in May of 2022 for \$1,958.25. All in favor
MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve budget amendment to transfer monies from general fund 698 account to Tax Printing account to cover fees for KCI Printing of Taxes. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to approve 2023 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines Resolution 2022-17 explained by Mike Houserman outlining the income guidelines for the new year. RC: Trier-Yes, Russo Jr.-Yes, Olson-Yes, Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

Existing Business:

Motion Russo Jr., seconded by Olson to approve our only Snow Plow Bid from Quality Lawn Care that would include: Per plow of 3" or more at all areas Fire Hall - \$90 per plow \$75 to salt, plowing of 4 hydrants at \$20 ea. \$80.00 per plow. To plow the Randall Rd hydrant \$95 per plow. Township Hall - \$60 per plow \$55 salt. Cemetery \$65 till December 31, 2022. All in favor. MC

Board Policy Manual Review of Chapter 2. Farhat would like to see all committees to submit reports in a timely manner so Board Packets out by 5 days would be nice to see. It could be an incomplete agenda with additions later. Page numbers on policy. 2.13 Litigation was confusing suggested to purchase a copy of Policy Matters! Using Board & Administrative Policies to Manage Your Township by MTA so we could have additional copies for board members to read and explain the policy. How the Supervisor's authority as the legal agent for the township is the authority of an agent or representative to act at the direction of the township board, not instead of the board; per the Policy Matters! Book. 2.16 Board member concerns regarding township employees. Should be taken to the board as a whole. 2.26 Public Participation using a signup sheet then addressing the ~~the~~ concerns of citizens who haven't signed in. Or placing time limit on giving comment. General rule of 3 minutes. 2.17 Board Meeting Notices township clerk responsible for posting all regular, special and rescheduled township board meeting notice requirements in conformance with the Open Meetings Act and other state law. The second part of 2.17 should possibly stricken from policy stating clerk is responsible to give each board member either in person or by leaving a written notice at the members address or place of residence at least 24 hrs. prior to meeting time. Farhat willing to make revisions and revisit.

New Business:

Supervisor Correspondence was given by Supervisor Farhat, Mike Edwards the other Township Attorney was appointed to be the Roscommon County ~~Prosecution~~ Prosecutor. He will no longer be available to the township. December 22, 2023 OMA litigation pretrial hearing at Roscommon County District Court at 11:15 am. Voiced concern with Houghton Lake Special Assessment District regarding the assessment not applied to DNR Flooding area. No studies of pumping of water back and forth with weed growth. Cemetery, ordinance violations, emails with taxpayers. Treasurer Trier resolving tree limb issue on Elizabeth St. Involvement with Parks and Recreation Board multiple letters of praise on our use of funding on Kayak Launch. November 21, 2022 DNR wrote support letter of launch partnership. Thanking Sharon Mika and Pat Riss for all their hard work. Consumers Energy upgrades. 211 hardship relief for

residents through Consumers Energy with food relief available through United Way and Roscommon County mobile soup kitchen and food pantry.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to accept John Hibbard's resignation effective immediately from Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor. MC

Financial Report was given for November by Treasurer Trier. CD's maturing and renewal.

HLSA/HLIB nothing to report.

Fire Chief's Report was given by Chief Wrzesinski and filed.

Motion Russo Jr., seconded by Trier to accept Megan Fiting's resignation effective December 10, 2022 in good standing. All in favor. MC

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report: report was received and filed.

Planning Commission Report: minutes and report submitted by Trustee Olson and filed. Due to PC Chair Stepping down.

ZBA Report nothing to report.

Assessor's Report received read and filed.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report: nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Report: report received and filed.

Supervisor's Report was given by Supervisor Farhat. Treasurer Trier has taxes sent out and another information card for 2023. New flags for cemetery. Par Plan review.

Motion Trier, seconded Olson to approve 2023 Summer Tax Resolution for Houghton Lake Community Schools to continue to collect school taxes in summer for \$2.50 per parcel. All in favor. MC

Motion Trier, seconded by Russo Jr. to continue to collect trash fees for 310 Clearview Drive and 317 Clearview Drive that each has a residence on. All in favor. MC

Motion Trier, seconded by Russo Jr. to allow limited contact & drive through service to Great Lakes Natural Resources with current working hours. They will have to resubmit site plan review for drive through and ordinance change with Planning Commission. Pending Farhat to check with attorney and see if there has been a change to police power ordinances regarding them being open till 2 a.m. Will revisit time change once they are open at a later date. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to approve Resolution 2022-21 that enables us as the Board to authorize and distribute the Draft Master Plan to surrounding townships and county and make available for public review. We as the Board can either approve or reject the final Master Plan. RC Trier-Yes, Russo Jr.-Yes, Olson-Yes, Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve Board of Review Terms from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 for Kevin Rose, Al Harper, George Mika, Pat Riss. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve Resolution 2022-20 that allows us to apply for the Spark Grant without matching funds the West Shore Kayak launch extra parking and solar lighting. We are not spending any money on matching funds. We will have no financial obligation to this project at a total of \$111,000.00. RC: Trier-Yes, Russo Jr.-Yes, Olson-Yes, Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

Open Public Comment: was held. Comments were heard.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to move into a closed session to consider purchase of real property located at the Northeast corner of US-127 and M-55 for the purpose of constructing a Township Hall and park. RC: Trier-Yes, Russo Jr.-No, Olson-Yes, Grabowski Yes, Farhat-Yes. 4 ayes, 1 nay. MC

Closed session begins 8:37 p.m.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to come out of closed session at **9:14 p.m.**

Open session begins 9:17 p.m.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to accept Resolution 2022-22 that authorizes purchase of property (Parcel 006-033-012-0100 and Parcel 006-033-009-0020) 39.574 acres of real property located at Northeast corner of US-127 and M-55, Lake Township Michigan described as Exhibit A (property) from Huntington Bank whose registered office is located in Detroit, MI ("Seller"), pursuant to the proposed Real Estate Purchase Agreement enclosed as Exhibit B; Whereas the Township desires to purchase the property from the Seller for and in consideration of the payment of \$110,200.00 dollars. To build a New Township Hall, public park and operation and maintenance of the same. With best interest of the public

health, safety and general welfare to purchase the property. RC: Olson-Yes, Grabowski-Yes, Trier-Yes, Russo Jr.-Yes, Farhat-Yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

Motion Russo Jr., no second to have a DEQ land study on land parcels to make sure they are buildable. To make sure we can get out of agreement if it's deemed unbuildable. MOTION NOT CARRIED. This should be covered in the purchase agreement that the lawyer and a broker has looked at and we wouldn't go forward without it being buildable.

Public Input: was held. Comments were heard.

Board Input: was held. Comments were given.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to approve adjournment of meeting at 9:45 p.m. All in favor. MC

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Grabowski

Lake Township Clerk

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Approved w/corrections at 01.10.2023 LTRM