

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
October 12, 2021 @ 7 pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, October 12, 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: David Russo Jr.-Trustee, Keith Stiles – Supervisor, Pam Surprenant-Clerk and Harry Trier-Treasurer. **Absent:** Tony Farhat -Trustee.

Motion: Trier to approve the October 12, 2021 agenda with corrections. **Second:** Russo Jr. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Trier to approve the September 14, 2021 regular board meeting minutes adding correction “checks should be made out to Lake Fire Fighters Association.” **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Approval to Pay the Bills: Surprenant provided the public with the credit card distribution report as well as a report of all payroll and accounts payable checks, including descriptions. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve the bills and payroll checks 44221 through 44261 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register adding a bill from John Hancock for \$62.50 that is due prior to the next meeting. **Second:** Trier. Discussion Stiles questioned RCRC bill and will contact the RCRC to follow up. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Budget Amendments: **Motion:** Surprenant to approve budget amendment as presented. **Second:** Stiles. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Old Business:

File Sharing Request:

Surprenant stated the internet speed at the current hall is 23 ms and needs to be 16 ms in order to create a workgroup or hosted server. Appears only solution would be to purchase a server. **Motion:** Surprenant to rescind motion to table until FY budget review. **Second:** Trier. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

RFP Muskegon River Bid Review:

Stiles stated Tonya created a spread sheet for the board and continued summarizing the bids received. Discussion. **Motion:** Surprenant to accept request for proposal from Rowe Professional Services for \$3000.00 **Second:** Stiles. **All in favor. Motion Carries.** Surprenant stated the township applied for a grant from Roscommon County to cover this portion of the project. Surprenant will be attending the meeting tomorrow to bring this information to the County.

Special Assessment:

Stiles stated Mike Mazzocco requested to be removed from the agenda. Surprenant stated apparently there is an issue on where they can place the spoils. An email was sent to Mike Mazzocco confirming removal from the agenda and to reach back out to the township if and when your group is ready to move forward.

Marihuana: **Motion:** Stiles to set special meeting for October 18, 2021 at 6 pm. **Second:** Trier. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

New Business:

Supervisor Correspondence:

Stiles stated received correspondence regarding the phone in meetings, and comment on synopsis minutes. Trash issues continue.

Financial Report: Trier presented the Treasurer's Report-Period ending September 30, 2021 and made it available to the public which he reported currently balances with the Clerk. Trier stated difficultly at bank with the CD's. Trier continued received two statements and a phone call regarding the transfer of CD's to the money fund checking account. Trier stated he will continue to work on this.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Wrzesinski provided a written report to the board.

Motion: Russo Jr. to approve Mike Wilder as Lieutenant effective November 1, 2021.

Second: Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries. Motion:** Russo Jr. to remove John Hibbard and John Koerber from probationary status. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Ordinance Enforcement Officer's Report: Rose submitted report of complaints and land use permits issued to board members.

Planning Commission Report: Riss provided a written report to the board. Trier questioned if we could build a new hall based on a prior vote. Surprenant stated the vote was from 1986 and the verbiage of the vote is not available at the County level. The Michigan Bureau of Elections would have that information in their archives and there would be a cost for that research. Surprenant contacted MTA and their opinion is the current board would not be bound by a vote from 1986.

ZBA Report: None.

Assessors Report: None.

Supervisors Report: No Report.

HLIB Report: Report submitted.

Committee Report New Town Hall:

Surprenant stated report will be on the December agenda. Thank you, Pat, for your work on this.

Planning Commission Member Opening: The township received one response. Stiles introduced John and spoke of his commitment to the position. Surprenant asked John to tell us about your background and how it relates to helping the planning commission with the recreation and master plan. John replied he would like to help the township. He has been self employed since he was 19 years old. I have a business in the township, I can hear and relate to what is going on in the township. All I can do is try to help. **Motion:** Russo Jr. to put John Hibbard on the Planning Commission.

Second: Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Snow Plow Bids: Stiles stated received one bid. Surprenant stated bid received from Quality Lawncare & Snowplowing and is per time. **Motion:** Trier to accept bid from Quality Lawncare to do the snow plowing for the township hall, fire department etc. **Second:** Russo Jr. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Sound System:
No action taken.

ARPA: Surprenant brought up the ARPA loss revenue calculator provided by MTA. Would be willing to work on this with Trier to plug in the numbers and see if the township has a loss. The auditor will guide us with the process. Trier reviewed revenue checks for 2019 and 2020. Trier stated that is the only number he can provide.

Land Division Application: Motion: Stiles to approve land division application from Assessor for William and Margaret Hull. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Garbage Collection Roll: Trier stated the information from the Assessor matches with the 2021 winter tax base, 1594 parcels and 1615 containers. **Motion:** Trier to accept the Assessor's trash roll for the 2021 Winter season. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Litigation: Russo Jr. stated the way it is stated in the policy manual is not the way the township is following. As far as litigation it is not a board decision. It is automatically just going, and what's being done is being done. The board has no decision on what goes to court and what doesn't. I would like to see that come back to play as the policy manual states that it is suppose to be a board decision. I don't know what needs to be changed to get that back to what the policy manual states. Russo Jr. read the policy from the policy manual 2.13. Discussion. Stiles stated understands Russo Jr. concern.

Board Recommendations to PC: Stiles spoke of road easements vs buildings and fence ordinances. Discussion regarding fence with PC chair and Stiles. **Motion:** Stiles to have Russo Jr. take this to the Planning Commission that the ordinance to allow six-foot fences out to the same distance we allow the garage. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Yay** – Trier, Russo Jr., and Stiles. **Nay** – Surprenant. **Motion Carries.** Stiles spoke of bushes becoming a fence. Stiles spoke of campers. **Motion:** Russo Jr. recommends to planning commission to allow three-foot-high fences on the lake side in R1. **Second:** Stiles. **Yay** – Trier, Russo Jr., and Stiles. **Nay** – Surprenant. **Motion Carries.**

Board Comment: Surprenant questioned Trier when the township postcard needed to be updated. Trier stated could work at next meeting.

Public Comment: ~~D.~~ Diane Randall introduced herself as our candidate for the District State House of Representatives. She spoke of growing up in Houghton Lake. She is currently the Supervisor of Roscommon Township. She will find the best solution for your problems. She will take those good values to Lansing. Decisions are best made at the local level and that is why I would like to represent you in Northern Michigan. (Riss) Comment regarding fences against road and lake side, and ~~it upsets me that stuff is being shoved down the planning commissions throat.~~ "If that is the way the township wants to work, I hereby resign from the planning commission." ~~To sit here and say you will, no find someone else to run the planning commission.~~ Comment against lake and road side fence. Comment regarding initiative for residents to petition to have township borrow money to maintain or build town hall. Comment other townships allow fences on lake side. Comment regarding Clearview and road right away in relationship to fences on road side. Comment regarding speed on 55, people drive too fast. Comment regarding couple people dictate to majority what we can and can not do on our property. Comment regarding changing ordinances.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk

Approved with corrections at LTRM 11/9/2021