Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan September 21, 2009

Regular meeting of the Lake Township Board called to order at 7:30 P.M

Smith, Fischer, McCallum, Hyzer, and Hartsell present along with approximately 30 guests. Pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of August 17, 2009: Motion by Hartsell to accept the minutes of August 17, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports of August and September: Motion by Hartsell to accept the Treasurer's Reports of August and September, seconded by McCallum. Motion carried.

Agenda: Agenda approved upon motion by Hartsell with the addition of the following:

- 1. Bid proposal from Qualified Abatement Services;
- 2. Recycling; and
- 3. IBI invoice.

Motion seconded by Fischer and carried.

Correspondence read: John McCallum read his letter submitted to the Township Board. No petitions.

Old Business:

Road Work: Smith gave an update on Griggs Road and read road work costs as reported on the current invoice from the Huron County Road Commission. Smith recommended approving road work on Mary's Road and Old Coach Road at \$5.50 per yard rather than \$4.50 per yard because of different equipment required. **Motion by Fischer to approve Smith's recommendation**, **seconded by Hartsell. Motion carried**.

Proposal from Qualified Abatement Services: Bid proposal for removal of asbestos siding on Gott's Corner store read by Smith. **Motion by Smith to accept proposal, seconded by Fischer**. Motion carried.

New Business:

Quarterly Budget Review: McCallum noted the budget for Special Meetings has met its allotment. Correction noted to budgeted amount for Transfer Station Salary. Motion by Fischer, seconded by Hyzer to accept review.

Smith's report on Public Water Service with Port Austin and Hume Townships: Smith attended a meeting with Port Austin and Hume Township Supervisors and USDA regarding the expansion of the Port Austin and Hume Township proposed water lines, stating that 85% would be funded from grants with 2-1/2% interest. He stated the cost per township to do an update of the original study would be \$500.00. Quarterly bills would range from \$150 to \$175 and costs of \$5,000 to \$7,000 for water to go by a house. Fischer stated that sewers are needed more than public water. McCallum questioned the \$500.00 since Lake Township was not part of the original study. Hartsell wanted to see something in writing.

Planning Commission Appointments: Motion by Smith to appoint Lisa Konke to Tim Lalley's position which expires in 2010. McCallum read from Section 15 of the Planning Enabling Act which states that an employee of the local unit of government is not eligible to be a member of the planning commission. Smith asked Konke what she wanted to do. Konke stated she resigns as extra secretary. Motion to appoint Konke seconded by Fischer. Roll call vote: Four ayes. McCallum opposed.

Motion by Smith to appoint Dave Szmulinski to replace Lou Colletta's term expiring in 2011. Szmulinski stated he resigns from the Board of Review. Motion seconded by Fischer. Roll call vote: Four ayes – McCallum opposed.

Recycling: Smith commended recycling volunteers and would like to see the recycling program continue.

Smith mentioned that there have been numerous break-ins along M-25 and a notice will be put in the winter newsletter.

Fischer asked about gypsy moth scouting. Smith said there were a lot of gypsy moth caterpillars this year. **Motion by Smith to have scouting done for gypsy moths, seconded by Fischer.** Motion carried.

Public Comments :

Mary Wojtysiak requested information as to how many property taxpayers there are in Lake Township and how to obtain their names and addresses. McCallum suggested she obtain that information from the office secretary.

Les Simmons requested more grading on Griggs Road at the road tubes and more dirt on the north side of his driveway. Overall a good job on the road and driveways.

Kelterborn commented on Fischer's statement regarding the need for sewers more than public water and asked what is going on with the septic committee. Smith asked Yvonne Bushey. Bushey stated she is obtaining more information from real estate businesses to determine whether the township can legally require inspections. Pat Pryzystup asked when the building next door was purchased and for what purpose. Fischer responded that the township does not own the township building or land.

McCallum asked what the township is going to do for storage when the store is demolished inasmuch as there are currently items being stored in the building. Yvonne Bushey recommended forming a committee to study the issue. McCallum suggested rather than a committee to study the issue, perhaps a committee of volunteers to clean out the building. Bushey, Mary Wojtysiak and Hartsell volunteered.

Colletta asked what the township board is going to do regarding the zoning amendment for accessory structures in the R-R district. Smith stated it was tabled until next month.

Zoning Administrator Russell stated he is receiving numerous complaints regarding boat hoists on easements that are not registered, specifically at the end of Champagne Road and wanted to know how to handle these complaints. Smith recommended calling Walt Salens.

Gerry Geppert requested something be put in the newsletter regarding the bike path along M-25 not being used as a passing lane or parking area.

Payment of Bills:

McCallum questioned a \$265.00 invoice from Institute of Business Publications for a one year subscription to Legal Alert for Supervisors. Smith stated he did not order any subscription.

Motion by Fischer to pay bills, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyzer to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Valerie McCallum, Clerk