

Lake Township Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2011

Meeting was called to order by R.T. Smith at 3:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: R.T. Smith, Bill Osborne, Dale Hartsell, Dorothy Fisher  
Absent: Valerie McCallum  
Public Attendance: 6

R.T. Smith made a motion to appoint Vivian Osborne to take the minutes. Motion seconded by Dale Hartsell. All ayes.

This Special Meeting was called to discuss the problems created by Lake Township having two Post Office boxes.

The Board received a letter from Valerie McCallum, Clerk, stating she was unable to attend the meeting. She attached a letter from Cecilia Green, Caseville Postmaster, stating that mail addressed to P.O. Box 429 will be delivered to that box and mail addressed to P.O. Box 1025 will be delivered to that box.

Bill Osborne stated that the problems began March 29, 2010 when Valerie McCallum opened a P.O. box under her name as Township Clerk and did so without approval from the board. This affects the tax payers because the mail has been delayed by being delivered to the wrong P.O. Box or the extra days taken to redirect the mail to the correct box. Tax payers would receive penalties from late payments. Also two checks were stamped by the post office as "No such address as Box 429" and returned them to the Treasury. One was in the amount of \$40,000 and the other from the DNR Pelt in the amount of \$9,000. Both of these checks require an affidavit in order to have them returned to Lake Township with no guarantees this will actually happen.

R.T. Smith talked with the Post Office to determine how to fix the problems and was told the only way was for Lake Township to have only one box with no name.

Motion was made by Bill Osborne to close P.O. Box 1025, keeping the original P.O. Box 429 and there is to be no other box with Lake Township name without Board approval. The motion was seconded by Dale Hartsell. Voting was taken by calling the roll with all ayes. Motion passed.

Comments were made by some present at the meeting.

Motion was made by R.T. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 3:15pm and seconded by Dale Hartsell. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian Osborne*

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