

**LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY**  
**Regular Board Meeting – July 20, 2015**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Claren Russell, Dorothy Fischer, Dale Hartsell. Absent: Clay Kelterborn. Guests: 2.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Hartsell, and seconded by Fischer to approve the Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2015-** Motion by Hartsell, seconded by Fischer to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports from Board Officers:**

Supervisor: The Township problem of fireworks being set off at illegal times and gun shooting continuing at all times of the day and night is still a problem. Complaints should be called in to the Sheriffs' emergency number of 911. It is questionable if the extra Sheriff patrolling that we pay for is doing any good as the patrols are at night and most of the ordinance breaking occurs during the day. That question will be brought up for discussion at the Safety Committee Meeting.

Treasurer: Two 24 month Certificates of Deposits have been established from the General Savings and the Township Roads at 1.09% compounded monthly.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Trustee: Hartsell has Safety Committee Minutes from June 2015 and will bring them in to the Township office for filing.

**Correspondence**

CAFP: Len Pilato has turned in a copy of the current audit results for the Fire Department. He states that the study verifies that the Fire Department is in good shape with no need to raise or lower the current millage. It was agreed the Township Board would get copies of the audit and review it by the August meeting. A few employees of the Fire Dept. have left for various reasons, but are being replaced. At this time they have 26 members. The new roof will be replaced within another month. No further report.

Zoning Administrator's Report: No comments.

Building Inspector's Report: We are getting complaints about abandoned boat hoists. The Building Inspector, Tory Geilhart, is working on clearing the problem by using violation tags.

Planning Commission Minutes: No comments.

**Petitions/ Public Comments:** None.

**Payment of the Bills:** Added to bills-Tina Main for Hall Maintenance, and added to payroll listing-Geilhart and Gordon. Motion by Fischer, seconded by Hartsell to pay the bills with additions. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Target shooting** is still continuing in the Quarry Shores area. It is agreed that we don't have an ordinance to apply to people shooting on State property, but it is a public health and safety issue. The question arose as to whether it is legal to shoot at night as is being done at times. The Board was not sure but the incidents need to be called in to 911 as they happen. The Sheriff Dept. should respond and evaluate the situation. The more residents who call, the better chances that something can be done.

**Sheriff Scheduling:** Discussed during the Supervisor's report.

**Township Roof Repair:** We have no bids yet. Agreed to review at the August Board Meeting and Board members will, in the meantime, encourage independent roofers to apply for the job.

**New Business:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget review-** All is in acceptable range. No adjustments needed.

**Zoning Amendments-** McCallum reviewed the amended zoning ordinances with the Board. Motion by Fischer, and seconded by Hartsell to approve all the amendments. All in favor, motion carried.

**Lake Township Annual Audit:** Since the Board did not have time to review the Audit Report it was motioned by McCallum, and seconded by Hartsell to table the audit review until the August meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

Guest, Tom Pierce, has spoken to the County Commissioners about fracking in the area, and was told the County Commissioners will be bringing that before their Board in a few months.

Guest, Len Pilato asked what is being done about the many dead trees, in particular, the ash trees. It is the responsibility of the property owner to take care of their own trees.

Dorothy Fischer noted that her home property had had the oldest naturally grafted tree (70 years ago a red pine tree fell into another tree, a white pine) and was only 1 of 3 naturally grafted trees known of in Michigan. It has finally fallen from natural causes.

Val McCallum reminded us the Township Annual Picnic is August 27<sup>th</sup>, and there is a Planning Commission Meeting this Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Hartsell motioned to adjourn at 8:10 P.M., and Fischer seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk