

LAKE TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY
4988 W. KINDE RD., CASEVILLE, MI 48725
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Dorothy Fischer, Clay Kelterborn, Valerie McCallum, Claren Russell by Facetime. Dale Hartsell was absent. There were 6 guests.

Agenda: Motion by Kelterborn to approve the agenda, second by Fischer. All ayes, motion carried.

Board Minutes: Motion by Fischer to approve the January 16, 2017 Board meeting minutes, second by Kelterborn. All ayes, motion carried.

Reports from Board Officers:

Supervisor: McCallum reported that Michael Gombos, Michigan Township Participating Plan, offered the following recommendations following his Risk Control assessment: pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act the Township should continue to update their Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance every 5 years, the Township should consult their legal counsel regarding clarification on employee verses independent contractor status, the Township should have their 100 year lease for the township hall reviewed and updated to meet current lease agreement legal requirements.

Treasurer: Report included in Board packet.

Clerk: Nothing.

Trustees: Nothing.

Correspondence: CAFPA minutes; Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector reports; Huron County Road Commission annual meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 9:00 AM; Accident Fund Insurance renewal; Michigan State Dept. of the Treasury, AMAR: the State Tax Commission has approved the new Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) and has contracted with Tax Management Associates to conduct reviews statewide for any local unit that has not recently been reviewed; DTE Energy Permitting Process and Electrical Codes: DTE is asking building and electrical inspectors to work with them to ensure compliance with electrical codes, most specifically the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). According to their letter dated Jan. 6, 2017, "Beginning on January 1, 2017 DTE will delay energizing structures with clearance violations until such violations are addressed."; Participation Plan Risk Control audit; email from Senator Phil Pavlov regarding district "coffee hour" discussions.

Petitions/Public Comments: Resident Gerry Simmons, Old Sand Rd. informed the Board that on January 29, 2017 the occupants of the house at the end of Quarry Rd. were heard shooting what sounded like semi-automatic weapons and there was a loud explosion. This explosion shook her home severely and as a consequence the outside security light was shattered and the ceiling beam inside her home, which joins her double wide, is now showing cracks. Her neighbor Ron Karwowski, Quarry and Cochran Rd. was visiting at the time and described the blast as sounding like a mortar. Karwowski called the Huron County Sheriff and spoke with dispatch. He was told that there was no one available to come out and a complaint could be filed. Lou Colletta, Hilltop Dr. said an emphasis must be placed on this continuing situation

because now property damage is involved and no one should have to live like this. Pat Pigot, Blake Dr. asked if the Township could subcontract with the Caseville Police Dept. McCallum told those present that the DNR has adopted new target shooting rules for State game and wildlife areas according to a press release dated Nov. 7, 2016. Kelterborn suggested a meeting with Sheriff Kelly Hanson, residents of the area that are being affected and John Nugent, our County Commissioner. He explained that March is a busy meeting for the Board. McCallum asked Simmons if she preferred March or April. Simmons said the meeting should be private. Kelterborn also suggested bringing this situation to the full County Board of Commissioners for their input.

Payment of Bills: Motion by Kelterborn to pay the bills as presented, second by Fischer. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Battery disposal: Office secretary, Kim Simpson has given the Board information regarding battery disposal. The most cost effective is EZ Disposal at \$109.00 for a 3.5 gallon container. When full, the container is shipped back free. McCallum reported that in 1996 the U.S. Congress effectively outlawed the sale of mercury batteries with the Mercury Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act. The Duracell website says (and Energizer confirms) "Alkaline batteries can be safely disposed of with normal household waste." Motion by Fischer to table battery disposal until the April meeting, second by Russell. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Len Pilato, CAFPA Rep. "Proposed MFR for Lake Township" (Medical First Responder). Len Pilato presented the Board with information regarding a proposed MFR for the Township.

Appointment of Steven Tait, Board of Review alternate: Motion by Kelterborn to appoint Steven Tait as Board of Review Alternate, second by Fischer. All ayes, motion carried.

2017 Poverty Exemption: The Board voted by resolution to accept the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines for poverty exemptions. The vote was as follows: Fischer, aye; Kelterborn, aye; McCallum, aye; Russell, aye. Hartsell was absent. Resolution 2017-1 Poverty Exemption was adopted.

Elkton Ambulance Service Contract: Motion by Kelterborn to renew the Elkton Ambulance Service Contract for 2017-2018, second by Russell. All ayes, motion carried.

2017-2018 Budget adjustment(s): None at this time.

2017-2018 Budget preparation: The Board made changes to the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal years in the following areas: salaries: Trustees, Supervisor, Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Extra Office, Transfer Station; election expenses: rolled back to the 2015/2016 budget totals; office equipment; street lighting; Capitol Improvement Fund; road maintenance; gypsy moth spraying; mileage.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business, motion by Kelterborn to adjourn, second by Fischer. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:30PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Maryanne Williams, Deputy Clerk