

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
August 18, 2008

Supervisor Kelterborn called the regular meeting of the Lake Township Board to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Kelterborn, Fischer, McCallum, Hyzer and Remer along with sixteen guests.

Minutes of the July 21, 2008 regular meeting approved upon motion by Remer, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report tabled until next month since report total did not balance.

Agenda approved with the addition of mileage at the request of Fischer upon motion by Remer, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

Correspondence read including a letter from Dan Depner regarding brush spray damage, a letter from Sharon Fisher regarding dogs on the beach, an email from Michael Knoll also regarding dogs on the beach and Huron County Beach testing results.

No petitions.

## **New Business:**

**Mileage.** Fischer made a motion requiring submittal of mileage on a quarterly basis by McCallum and Kelterborn, seconded by Hyzer. Kelterborn stated that mileage is a budgeted item and everyone has always stayed within their budget. Kelterborn stated he would be in favor of such a motion if it were amended to include the provision to stop paying mileage to the Treasurer for going to the bank and post office since those are part of the Treasurer's job duties. Fischer and Hyzer stood by their original motion. Remer abstained. McCallum and Kelterborn voted no. Motion failed.

**Huron Gas:** Motion by Remer to pre-buy propane for the upcoming heating season at the price quoted by Huron Gas, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

**Brush Spray.** Motion by McCallum to stop brush spraying and appropriate those monies to cutting the ditches, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

**Gypsy Moth Scouting.** Motion by McCallum to make arrangements to have scouting done this fall for gypsy moths through the MSU Extension office and pay mileage, seconded by Kelterborn. Hyzer and Fischer - Nay. Motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

**Griggs Road.** Kelterborn informed the Board that the Road Commission is too busy this year to do anything with Griggs Road and that surveying will cost \$5,000 as opposed to the original quote of \$1,500. He also stated that it will be necessary

for some property owners to buy into the project before moving forward since there will be a large amount of dirt from the road that needs to go on someone's property to save the cost of having to haul it away. Kelterborn stated that Kretzschmer's are undecided as to whether they would be willing to take the dirt on their land.

Hyzer stated the project is up to the Township Board and the property owners do not have any say in the matter. Kelterborn stated there are concerns by some of the property owners over the loss of trees. Hyzer stated that the trees do not belong to them. Kelterborn stated that it is the Board's job to represent the public, the Board is spending taxpayer money to construct a road and he doesn't want to add an additional \$100,000 to the project to haul away the dirt. Kelterborn recommended tabling further discussion until September in order to meet with the Road Commission and property owners.

**Public Comments.** Lou Colletta asked that the Township send out personal notices to households for recycling volunteers. Lou stated that it is the same volunteers every month and new help is needed.

Gerry Geppert asked about the beach closings and how Thompson Park can be closed due to high *E.coli* levels and Oak Beach remains open with low levels when they are so close. Kelterborn will check with the Health Department.

Bob Siver stated that in working the primary and having to explain the ballot to voters, many expressed their unhappiness, stating it was unfair and undemocratic, and that over 150 voted in the Republican primary which, in effect, disenfranchised them from the township election. Mr. Siver asked Kelterborn to consider running as a write-in candidate to give voters an opportunity to vote in the township election.

Jeanne Williams asked Fischer to discuss petty issues with the Board members before or after a meeting or by phone rather than at open meetings.

Neil Rohner asked about the brush spraying versus brush cutting and how it is paid for. He stated if the contractor is not doing the job right, we should not be paying for it. **Motion** by McCallum to send a letter to the Road Commission with Dan Depner's letter stating that the Township will not pay that portion of the invoice that applies to the brush spray, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Les Simmons complained about the dust on Griggs Road during Cheeseburger. Kelterborn stated that Griggs Road was graded and rebrined during Cheeseburger because of the traffic and condition of the road and is one of the few roads that gets a double brine application in the Township. Kelterborn also stated that Dan Depner had requested information from the Township comparing the costs of maintaining Griggs Road as gravel versus blacktopping and over a 20 year span costs are a wash.

Neil Rohner commented on dogs on the beach stating that it is a real problem but he is not in favor of a ban. He suggested installing posts with plastic bags for dog owners to use as he has done in front of his home.

Williard Cregeur asked about cleaning the easement at Champagne Road, specifically cutting the grass. Kelterborn will check with the Road Commission.

Payment of bills. Motion by Hyzer to pay bills, seconded by Remer. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyzer to adjourn, seconded by Remer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township Board meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2008.

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Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor