

Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday November 14, 2024

Regular meeting of the Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor; Anthony Farhat, Treasurer; Harry Trier, Trustee; Pam Surprenant, Clerk; Andrea Grabowski and Trustee; Tony Olson.

Motion Farhat seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with additions. All in favor. MC.

Motion Farhat seconded by Trier to approve meeting minutes with changes from October 8, 2024. RC: Grabowski-aye, Olson-abstain, Trier-aye, Farhat-aye, Surprenant-aye. 4-aye's 1-abstain. MC.

Motion Grabowski seconded by Farhat to approve budget amendment for \$831.25 to cover increase of Contractual Road Fund for paving of Red Pine Road. All in favor. MC.

Motion Trier seconded by Surprenant to approve the bills and payroll checks #45805 through 45855 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register. All in favor. MC.

Unfinished Business:

Motion Farhat seconded by Trier to accept the only snow plowing bid From Quality Lawncare & Snowplowing for township hall \$60.00 per time, salt parking lot per request \$55.00, fire hall \$95.00 per time, 4 hydrants at \$20.00 per hydrant per time, Randall Rd hydrant \$95.00 per time, and township cemetery \$65.00 per time until closed December 31, 2024. All in favor. MC

Motion Trier seconded by Olson to adopt Garbage Assessment Resolution #2024-15 to remain at \$110.00 per household, beginning December 2024 tax billing. RC: Surprenant-aye, Trier-aye, Grabowski-aye, Olson-aye, Farhat-aye. 5-ayes, 0-nays. MC

New Business:

Financial Report was given by Treasurer Trier. Taxes are due by February 14th, 2024. To pay in person Treasurer Trier will be at the township hall on December 30th, 2024, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and February 14th, 2025, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Last day to pay online is February 24th, 2025.

HLSA/HLBA was given.

Fire Chief's Report was given by Chief Wrzesinski and filed.

Motion Farhat seconded by Trier to spend no more than \$16,000.00 out of Fire Department Operating fund to Jim Porath to repair or replace 8 hydrants and use the Tower Truck as trade for up to \$4,000.00. All in favor. MC.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report was received and filed.

Planning Commission Report was received and filed.

Board Representative to PC Report no report.

ZBA Report submitted.

Assessor's Report no report.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report received and read by Supervisor Farhat.

Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority minutes sent and filed.

Motion Surprenant to renew Chris Lukatch as board representative starting January 1st, 2025 for a 6-year term. No second.

Motion failed. Motion tabled to discuss with new board members in December.

Parks & Recreation Report was given by Supervisor Farhat.

Motion Farhat seconded by Trier to replace Tony Farhat with Pam Surprenant effective immediately as board representative to Parks & Recreation advisory board. All in favor. MC

Motion Surprenant seconded by Olson to appoint Tony Farhat in open position of Parks & Recreation advisory board fulfilling term April 12th, 2024, to April 11th, 2025. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat seconded by Trier to open Lake Township Dog Park effective immediately. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat seconded by Surprenant to open Lake Township Nature Trail December 1st, 2024. (See board comment)

Lake Level SAD Advisory Board nothing given.

Correspondence/Supervisor Report attorney calls with regards to OMA case. The Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments at 10:00 am on December 3rd, 2024 at Hall of Justice 925 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48909. Project compass task force meeting next Tuesday November 19th, 2024. He has sent an email to incoming supervisor Hibbard with information and will include it in a packet to supervisor Hibbard. Farhat welcomed John Hibbard and Scott Hassler to the Lake Township board. He will be handing off laptop and files to help him get off to a great start as supervisor. He encourages both to take advantage of the MTA classes that are up and coming in December to help him with creating the new budget starting in January 2025. Farhat thanked

everyone he has worked with over the last 2 years. He has enjoyed working on the roadside cleanups, cemetery cleanups, and trimming trees with Treasurer Trier. Farhat continued by thanking the hard work Pat Riss and others that have put into the park projects. Appreciative of the fire department for all their sacrifices that they've given just doing the job that they do. Nice to see the community involvement with elections, new election workers and new people on advisory boards. The township will have to choose a new board representative for Houghton Lake SAD to fulfill Trustee Olson's position on that board. Thanking everyone over the years for making his job run smoother.

Discussion of Trustee Surprenant to learn how to use website and will take over the non-statutory duties of posting until the new board can make some decisions at December meeting.

Discussion of Supervisor Farhat keeping the non-statutory duties of the cemetery because he is familiar with it and would allow the new board to make some decisions on software and pay in the December meeting.

Motion Surprenant seconded by Olson to renew the Board of Review Members Kim Chase, Kevin Rose, Pat Riss, Charlene Sutherby-alternate and the incoming supervisor Hibbard as Ex Officio for a 2-year term starting January 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2026. All in favor. MC

Motion Surprenant seconded by Trier to adopt Ordinance 30A DTE Gas Company Franchise Agreement to permit DTE Gas Company to operate a gas utility business within the Township of Lake. RC: Farhat-aye, Trier-aye, Olson-aye, Surprenant-aye, Grabowski-aye. 5-ayes, 0 nays. MC

Motion Grabowski seconded by Olson to purchase option 1 the Uline Election Security Cart for up to \$1,000.00, item number H-2084 with cover. To be paid out of the election equipment fund 101-262-972 and submitted to the State of Michigan Election security Grant to cover costs up to \$1,000.00 to reimburse the township. All in favor. MC

Public Comment: was heard.

Board Comment: The nature trail Opening December 1st, 2024. All in favor. MC. RTA meeting on November 21st, 2024.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Surprenant to adjourn meeting at 8:27 pm. All in favor. MC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Grabowski,

Lake Township Clerk,

www.lake-township.com.

Approved at 12.10.24 LTRM.