

LAKE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Supervisor Christler. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members present.

Motion by Aldrich, supported by Harper to approve the agenda. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Christler read aloud minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting. Motion by Russo, supported by Harper to approve the minutes. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Financial report placed on file and subject to audit.

Motion by Christler to have Rose send the school a bill for the summer tax collection money. Seconded by Harper. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

No amendments to the budget.

Motion by Russo, Seconded by Harper to pay bills with check numbers 39063-39141. Except check numbers (39097, 39098, 39099, 39100) which will be approved after Christler looks into it. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried

Fire chief report: Chief David Russo reported 3 runs this month.

Chief Russo said the new LED lights that were purchased for the airboat work great and were cheaper than what they were thought to be.

Motion was made to approve 2 new firefighters. Megan Fiting and Chris Dilts. Both will be placed on a 6 month probation, and also both are Lake Twp residents. All ayes, nays none.

Chief Russo said this will make a total of 23 firefighters. And informed the board that Cameron Vasher who had took a leave of absence, returned his gear and resigned. Cameron has a full time job in grayling and wasn't living in the area.

Chief Russo asked for the board approval in buying a flash drive for teaching material that Bobby Z can use to teach the new firefighters who will be taking there fire I and II class in the spring. The flash drive cost \$399.00 and will be good for up to 3-4 years as long as the state doesn't upgrade versions of the test. Bobby Z will be teaching every Tuesday and Thursdays at the Fire dept. And has 3 firefighters that will be taking the fire 1 and 2 test in the spring.

Land Use: 4 new complaints, 4 pending, 5 closed, 4 land use permits, 1 site plan review,

and 99 miles traveled.

Planning Commission Report: Received 5 master trail plans. If anyone would like to view it you can check out a copy at the supervisor's house or with Bruce Olson.

ZBA- No Reports

Supervisor Report: Christler went to a meeting Oct 16th and met with 4 other townships to discuss parks and recreation improvements. He started that Roscommon Twp now has disc golf and talked about how Markey Twp has a popular dog park. Christler also reported that the bridge on long point is now open and there was a ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 12th at 9:00 a.m.

Assessor's Report: Christler reported the newly hired assessors are very happy with how friendly the residential and business owners of LakeTwp are.

A resolution setting the date of a board of review meeting that will be held at the Lake Twp fire dept on Dec 9th at 12:45 p.m. for correction only was passed.

Motion was made by Russo and seconded by Harper.

Roll call vote Russo yes, Rose yes, Christler yes, Harper yes, Aldrich yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Houghton Lake Area Tourism Bureau is hosting there annual membership meeting on November 19th 2014 at 5:30 p.m. This will be held at 9091 west Lake City Road., Houghton Lake.

Old Business: Dave Emmons passed out to the board a packet of information involving the street lights. He explained our contract we currently have with Consumers Energy and explained how much we are currently paying. Also how much we could be saving if be upgraded bulbs and how much it would cost the township if we were to remove each street light. Emmons stated Consumers Energy will do an audit of the system in the beginning of 2015 and a lot of the lights will probably have to get upgraded. Emmons talked about trying to get a milege passed that would pay for our street lights.

The board made a motion to have Sue Walworth be the fill in for the planning commission secretary. She will be responsible for 8-9 months a year to be the secretary and for the other months when she is gone in Florida Lori Olson will be the secretary. Motion was made by Christler, seconded by Harper. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Christler brought up that he is still receiving phone complaints about the cemetery. Also he thought it would be a good idea to get bids for the grass cutting in the spring. Christler said that with the equipment so old and having to do maintenance, he thinks it will be cheaper to hire a lawn care place verse putting money into the equipment the township already owns. Motion was made by Christler, to get bids in the spring. Seconded by Aldrich. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

The board adopted a new resolution that was court appointed.

The resolution basically states that the board will have to approve any amount of payments that is greater than \$400.00 at their regular monthly meetings. Re-occurring bills or expenditures will be allowed to be paid prior to the monthly board meeting, but will still need a board approval at the next scheduled board meeting. This resolution also states that there will be no checks written or any payments made to any one person above the amounts the board approves as salaries for officers or employees. A roll call vote was taken.

Russo yes, Rose yes, Harper Yes. Aldrich Yes and Christler No. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion Carried.

Board received 2 bids from 2 different companies to plow the snow this winter. With the boards approval they decided to re-hire Better yards landscaping who did all the twp plowing last year. Better yards will be plowing the fire dept, twp hall, vault and until Dec 31st they will be doing the cemetery. Rose made the motion, seconded by Harper. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Harper and seconded by Rose to approve a special assessment request to dredge a canal in the Golden Beach Annex. The board tabled the meetings to have them in spring when more people will be around.

Public Comments:

Animal had questions for Jim Thiel on how much a single permit costs and if it varies on the size of the house.

Matt Locrichio who is the owner of sands motel had a lot of complaints about the pet crematorium that is located across the street. He started to the board that he has had customers leave his hotel early because of the noise. He states it sounds like a jet engine, and says people are getting sick from the smell.

Jim Thiel talked to the owner Mr. Parker about the noise and smell complaints. Mr. Parker told Jim that he ordered two 8ft stacks from Oregon and would contact him when they come in. Jim said they are getting a bunch of complaints from the public.

Bruce Olson said in 2011 at the planning commission meeting to get the permits only 3 people from the public showed up and Mr. Parker was told he could only burn pets. There have been several complaints also that Mr. Parker is burning farm animals.

Christler said he would follow up and assured Matt he will keep working on it.

Robyn Daniels had questions for clerk Russo about mileage, why she didn't receive a phone call about the elections and asked Rose why he don't know how to use quick books.

Animal had questions on why his ballot didn't read when he went to put it through the counter at the election, Russo let him know at the end of the night they were off several numbers and they had to re-run every single ballot.

Dave Emmons had questions as to why no one got paid for the February election and says

there are checks missing. Russo said she will bring copies to the next monthly meeting of the checks Emmons says are missing from the election.

Dick Roserans had a question for Bobby Zwierzelewski asked him if he winterized the pump in the shed. Bobby let them know he blew out the water in the pump and put anti-freeze inside it so it don't freeze.

Rodger Kohn asked for verbal consent for things that were fixed with the audit. He would like a written statement for each thing.

Tony Farhat said that the website will have a page for the agendas, the minutes before the next monthly meeting and also would like a picture of the fire dept in their dress blues so he can use it as a main picture on the website.

Motion to adjourned 8:58 p.m.
Cindy Russo/ Lake Twp Clerk
Subject to correction/ approval