

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday January 10, 2023**

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

Roll Call: Board members present: Supervisor; Anthony Farhat, Treasurer; Harry Trier, Trustee; Tony Olson and Clerk; Andrea Grabowski. Absent: Trustee; David Russo Jr.

Motion Trier, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with changes. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve October 17, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes. All in favor. MC

Motion Trier, seconded by Olson to approve December 13, 2022 Lake Township Board Meeting minutes with corrections. All in Favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Grabowski to approve with changes the bills and payroll checks #44887 to #44922 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register with addition of 44922 the Fahey Attorney bill for \$3,241.50. All in favor MC

Existing Business:

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to approve Pam Surprenant as Planning Commission member serving term April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to adopt amendments to Board Policy Chapter 2. Changes were discussed and adopted. All in favor. MC

Par Plan Recommendations were discussed and are being worked on.

Master Plan was sent to legal representative to be given an estimate on hours to review. With that in mind and how well the Master Plan has been articulated the board has declined on review of Master Plan.

New Business:

Supervisor Correspondence was given by Supervisor Farhat.

Financial Report was given for December by Treasurer Trier and filed.

HLSA/HLIB Sewer line to be replace under old line where road is gone between North Shore Lounge and Houghton Lake Marina by where Houghton Lake meets the opening of Muskegon River.

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

Tom Zerbel as long as he makes 25% of his meetings per standard operating procedures can be on leave and have AFLAC covered.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier for Houghton Lake Fire Department to purchase an AED for the Fire Department within \$1,500.00. RC. 4 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report: report was given by Officer Rose and filed.

Planning Commission Report: no meeting held.

ZBA Report nothing to report.

Assessor's Report received and filed.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report: Still looking for grant writers.

Parks & Recreation Report: report received and filed.

Supervisor's Report was given by Supervisor Farhat.

Motion Farhat, seconded Olson to approve cleaning, priming and reproducing Lake Township Hall sign with stencil up to \$120.00. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to accept Mary Fry's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals in good standing effective immediately. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to remove Dave Kopin as Alternate on Zoning Board of Appeals in good standing due to him not being an elector. All in favor. MC

Place ad for opening on ZBA and ZBA Alternate positions.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve Resolution 2023-06 Alternative starting date for board of review. Whereas, Public Act 194 of 2003, effective November 10, 2023, allows the Township Board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the Board of Review shall initially meet; and Whereas, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting date shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March; and Whereas, the Lake Township Board deems that it is in the best interest of the township to select an alternative starting date for board of Review for March 2023 such that the Assessor will be available to assist the Board of Review on that date; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Lake Township Board approves the Selection of Wednesday, March 15, 2023 as the starting date for the 2023 Lake Township Board of Review. RC Trier-Yes, Olson-Yes, Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes. 4 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to approve the 2023 Minimum Wage Increase to \$14.00/hr. immediately. All in favor. MC

Annual Meeting Date is March 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to approve Resolutions on Township Officer's salary.

Motion Grabowski, seconded by Olson to approve Resolution 2023-01 to establish Supervisor's pay when holding an annual meeting. MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Lake Township to determine the salaries for the office of Supervisor for fiscal year 2023-24 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors. Whereas, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Supervisor is warranted; therefore be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of Supervisor shall be as follows \$22,100.00 (no change). **This resolution shall be submitted to electors at annual meeting to be held on March 25, 2023, at which time the electors may modify these amounts.** Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7) but may not lead to a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law. RC Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes, Trier-Yes, Olson-Yes. 4 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. Supervisor declares resolution adopted.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Olson to approve Resolution 2023-02 to establish Clerk's pay when holding an annual meeting. MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Lake Township to determine the salaries for the office of Clerk for fiscal year 2023-24 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors. Whereas, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Clerk is warranted; therefore be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of Clerk shall be as follows \$23,779.00. (7.6 % increase) **This resolution shall be submitted to electors at annual meeting to be held on March 25, 2023, at which time the electors may modify these amounts.** Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7) but may not lead to a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law. RC Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes, Trier-No, Olson-Yes. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Supervisor declares resolution adopted.

Motion Olson, seconded by Farhat to approve Resolution 2023-03 to establish Treasurer's pay when holding an annual meeting. MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Lake Township to determine the salaries for the office of Treasurer for fiscal year 2023-24 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors. Whereas, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Treasurer is warranted; therefore be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of Treasurer shall be as follows \$22,100.00 (no change). **This resolution shall be submitted to electors at annual meeting to be held on March 25, 2023, at which time the electors may modify these amounts.** Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7) but may not lead to a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law. RC

Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes, Trier-Yes, Olson-Yes. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor declares resolution adopted.

Motion Trier, seconded by Farhat to approve Resolution 2023-04 to establish Trustee Olson's pay when holding an annual meeting. MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Lake Township to determine the salaries for the office of Trustee for fiscal year 2023-24 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors. Whereas, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Trustee is warranted; therefore be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of Trustee shall be as follows \$6,050.00. (19.2 % increase)**This resolution shall be submitted to electors at annual meeting to be held on March 25, 2023, at which time the electors may modify these amounts.** Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7) but may not lead to a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law. RC Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes, Trier-No, Olson-Yes. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Supervisor declares resolution adopted.

Motion Olson, seconded by Trier to approve Resolution 2023-05 to establish Trustee Russo Jr.'s pay when holding an annual meeting. MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Lake Township to determine the salaries for the office of Trustee for fiscal year 2023-24 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors. Whereas, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Trustee is warranted; therefore be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of Trustee Russo Jr. shall be as follows \$5,077.68 (no change). **This resolution shall be submitted to electors at annual meeting to be held on March 25, 2023, at which time the electors may modify these amounts.** Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7) but may not lead to a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law. RC Grabowski-Yes, Farhat-Yes, Trier-Yes, Olson-Yes. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor declares resolution adopted.

Supervisor Farhat explained in detail Ordinance 56B Amendment to Marihuana Licensing Ordinance 56A.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve Ordinance 56B Amendment to Marihuana Licensing Ordinance 56A. RC Trier-Yes, Grabowski-Yes, Olson-Yes, Farhat-Yes. 4 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC Board discussed in detail the DNR flats rehabilitation project.

Public Input: was held. Comments were heard.

Board Input: was held. Comments were given.

Motion Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve adjournment of meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor. MC

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Grabowski

Lake Township Clerk

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Approved at 02.14.23 LTRM with corrections.