

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Teleconference
December 8, 2020 @ 7pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 for a regular board meeting. Keith Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Keith Stiles - Supervisor, Pam Surprenant-Clerk, Harry Trier-Treasurer, Anthony Farhat-Trustee and David Russo Jr.-Trustee.

Moment of Silence for Jerry Jakubiak.

Welcome/Introduction Stiles introduced himself.

Motion: Surprenant to approve the December 2020 agenda with following additions, approval to pay the bills adding Blue Water, TCF, Fahey, and Edwards, Supervisor correspondence and HLAA discussion and appointment. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote: Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Surprenant to approve the November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Farhat to approve the November 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Budget Amendments:

Motion: Surprenant to approve budget amendments to increase Deputy OEO wages by \$900.00, ZBA wages by \$1,400.00 and ZBA mileage by \$240.00 to balance the budget thru FY 3/31/21. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote: Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Approval to Pay the Bills: Surprenant provided the public with the credit card distribution report as well as a report of all payroll and accounts payable checks, including descriptions, written since November 11, 2020. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve to pay the bills and payroll checks (checks #43080 through #43132). In addition, paying Blue Water \$182.70, TCF \$65.00, Fahey \$842.50, and Edwards \$70.00 day after meeting. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Roll Call Vote: Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Old Business:

Old 27 Property Resolution: Stiles explained the Township is abandoning property at Old 27 Storage that was abandoned by the County. Allowing property owner to record the deed with the County. Trier explained we are abandoning the road easement that

the County abandoned to the Township. **Motion:** Stiles offered Resolution 2020-31 Abandoning easement Portion of US 27 Right of Way. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote:** Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

New Business:

Supervisor Correspondence

Stiles stated received correspondence regarding condition of Long Point Drive, lake levels and demolition of structure on Aqua Drive.

Board of Review Alternate

Surprenant stated the Township received one party of interest to fill the Board of Review alternate position, Pat Riss. Pat introduced herself to the Board. **Motion:** Stiles to approve Pat Riss to the Board of Review alternate position to complete term ending 12/31/20. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.** **Motion:** Stiles to approve Pat Riss to the Board of Review alternate position to for 2 year term starting 1/1/21. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote:** Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Board of Review Member Renewal

~~**Motion:** Surprenant stated looking for a motion;~~ Surprenant to approve Board of Review members Kevin Rose, Al Harper and George Mika are interested in remaining on the Board of Review for 2 year term 1/1/21-12/31/22. **Second:** Stiles. **Roll Call Vote:** Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Planning Commission Ex Officio Member

Stiles stated looking to replace ex officio member on the Planning Commission. Stiles asked for interested board members. Russo Jr. stated he was interested. **Motion:** Stiles to appoint David Russo Jr. to the Planning Commission. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo-abstain, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Appointment for HLBA/Dangerous Bldg.

Stiles stated he is interested in the position. **Motion:** Russo Jr. to appoint Keith Stiles to the Houghton Lake Building Agency/Dangerous Building process. **Second:** Surprenant. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo-yes, Stiles-abstain. **Motion Carries.**

Appointment HLSA

Stiles stated he is interested in the position. **Motion:** Trier to appoint Keith Stiles to the Houghton Lake Sewer Authority. **Second:** Surprenant. **Roll Call Vote:** Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-abstain. **Motion Carries.**

Appointment HLAA

Surprenant stated Sandi King contacted the Board for renewal to Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority. **Motion:** Surprenant to appoint Sandi King to the HLAA for a six

year term starting 1/1/21 - 12/31/26. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Roll Call Vote: Farhat-yes, Russo-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Russo queried the Board regarding how they felt regarding Lukatch serving on the Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority. Farhat explained that the term on the HLAA is a six year term. Lukatch's term ends in December 12/24. Trier inquired do we know if Chris wants to continue on the HLAA. Lukatch stated his interest in remaining on the HLAA.

FOIA Non-Statuary Duties

Surprenant stated these duties will remain in the Clerk's office.

Deputy Clerk Appointment/Pay

Surprenant stated that Tonya Clare was appointed Deputy Clerk. The pay for the position will revert back to \$3,000.00 annually as stated in the motion from the March 2020 Board Meeting minutes.

Houghton Lake Resorter

Motion: Trier to approve the subscription to the Resorter. **Second:** Surprenant. **Roll Call Vote: Russo-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Burnham & Flower

Clare stated the formality of the Township having two signers to ensure continuance during transition periods is recommended. Trier and Surprenant will be the signers.

Snow Plow Bids

Surprenant stated the Board received one bid for snow plowing from Quality Lawncare & Snowplowing. The bid included per time with 3" of snow, salt as requested and annual pricing was included as well. **Motion:** Farhat to approve Quality Lawncare & Snowplowing on a per time bid for the fire hall, township hall, cemetery if needed prior to the end of December and hydrants. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Designated Assessor Information

Motion: Surprenant offers Resolution 2020-32 Interlocal Agreement for Roscommon Designated Assessor **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr. -yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Land Use Permits

Surprenant stated currently the Township charges \$20.00 for land use permit. I bringing this to the Board's attention, and suggesting the Board possibly take a look at increasing the cost of the land use permits, or perhaps a menu of costs based on the reason for the permit. Discussion. Farhat asked for comparison.

Holiday Schedule 2021 - Will be posted.

New Official Training

Stiles went over new official training. Three Members are interested. **Motion:** Trier to approve three board members to attend the new official training at \$99.00 each.

Second: Farhat. **Roll Call Vote: Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Poverty Exemption

Houserman explained the poverty exemption. **Motion:** Trier to offer Resolution 2020-33 Poverty Exemption. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Garbage Special Assessment Error

Houserman explained address on file is a garage and should not be assessed. **Motion:** Trier to remove garbage assessment for 13713 West Shore Drive. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Roll Call Vote:** Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Welcome Letter

Farhat explained the welcome letter that would be sent to new property owners. Farhat continued Houserman could provide list of new property owners so the one page letter could be sent out. Discussion. The board will start in January.

Hall Maintenance

Stiles offered to complete hall maintenance and open and close the cemetery well at \$10.00 an hour.

Marihuana Ordinance

Trier explained it was unclear with this Covid thing what the next step was with the Marihuana Ordinance. He stated he took the Denton Township Ordinance made the changes to reflect Lake Township and is ready to be submitted to the attorney's for review. Trier states it is time to move on this. Farhat provided a recent summary of events; he explained the Planning Commission did resubmit a draft to the Board. Discussion. **Motion:** Trier to accept the document Trier sent out to the Board in an email Michigan Marihuana Facilities Licensing Ordinance just as a draft to send to attorney's for a review. No second, motion falls to floor. Discussion. **Motion:** Stiles take what Planning Commission has and set up three person committee and bring to Board for final vote, member Trier, Stiles and K. Russo would be committee members. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote:** Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-no, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Public Comment:

K. Russo indicated she is available for the committee.
Comment regarding Marihuana Ordinance.
RCRC introduced themselves to the Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk

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Approved at LTRM 1/12/21

