

**Lake Township-Roscommon County  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday November 10, 2022**

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; David Russo Jr, and Trustee; Tony Olson. Absent: Clerk; Andrea Grabowski.

**Motion** Trier, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with Resolution 2022-17 stricken from agenda. All in favor. MC

**Motion** Trier, seconded by Olson to approve October 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor MC

**Motion** Trier, seconded by Russo Jr. to approve the bills and payroll checks #44793 to #44785 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register. All in favor MC

**Motion** Trier, seconded by Olson to approve budget amendment to transfer monies from general fund 698 to account 826 into Legal Fee account to cover fees incurred till end of fiscal year. All in favor. MC

**Existing Business:**

**Motion** Trier, seconded by Russo Jr. to approve Resolution 2022-16 trash assessment change of \$100.00 per household to \$110.00/household beginning December 2022 tax return. Will go from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027. Roll Call 4 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

**New Business:**

**Supervisor Correspondence** was given by Supervisor Farhat, regarding OMA, residents trash, cemetery, leaves and ordinances. Involvement with Parks and Recreation Board and Planning Commission 5 meetings and 2 Presentations to look at tonight. Planning Commission sent letter out this evening of the absorption of Roscommon County Planning Commission possibly due to cuts from millage not passing. Also, a letter was read by him from Clerk Grabowski thanking everyone for their hard work and help with regards to the Election.

**Financial Report** The financial report for October was given by Treasurer Trier. Increase in interest monies earned from last month. He will be attending MTA meeting for all Treasurers new and old this month.

HLSA/HLIB found out about a different way of filing documents through superior document solutions computerized files the building agency uses for its documents currently. Sewer Authority would like residents to know sewer rates are going up from \$75.00/Quarter to \$87.50/Quarter. Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.

**Fire Chief's Report** was given by Chief Wrzesinski copy filed. John Koerber resigned a few months ago his uniform was turned in and Renee McRath Resigned this month to keep her EMT license current she is going to be on Markey Twp., Ambulance and fire dept. Change batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors and clean chimney's. Fire Fighter 1 & 2 training classes starting up December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Have a bill for next month for Manuals will turn in December meeting.

**Motion** Farhat, seconded by Trier to accept John Koerber resignation effective immediately. All in favor. MC

**Motion** Trier, seconded by Farhat to accept Renee McRath's resignation in good standing. All in favor. MC

**Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report:** report was given by Ordinance Officer Rose. Short Term Rentals on next month's report. Report Filed.

**Planning Commission Report:** report given by John Hibbard. Thanking Pat Riss for coming back to the Planning Commission and all of her hard work on finishing the Recreation Plan and sending it out to the State of Michigan and having 40+ pages done on the Master Plan. Would like to see a fee and fine schedule to match county fee violation amounts. Updates for ordinance amendments. PC master plan completion schedule timeline. Map request approval. Special PC meeting in December 2022.

**ZBA Report** nothing to report.

**Assessor's Report** received read and filed.

**Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report:** nothing to report.

**Parks & Recreation Report:** Parks and Recreation plan finished and sent to the State of Michigan. 2 sites are being presented for parks and possibility to get ball rolling on Sparks grant. Presentation later in meeting.

**Supervisor's Report** was given by Supervisor Farhat. Would like to celebrate successes Thanking Planning commission for all the work done and Pat Riss for coming back to help them get a Parks and Recreation plan up and ready for submitted. She as well has created a 40+ page Master Plan . Also, thanking Kevin for all of his consistent upkeep on the Cemetery making it look very nice for Veteran's Day.

**Motion** Farhat, seconded Olson to place ad in paper for bids on snowplowing and salting of Hall and Fire Hall. Roll Call: 4 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

### **Master Plan**

**Board Input:** Mapping of Cemetery, hall inspection for build out, and possible upgrade to hall, tax incentives for new businesses opened in Township, check in with a brownfield development board for help. Provide safe sidewalks. Possibility of a walking path by canal from West Shore to Gazebo along canal. Improve internet in Township. Bring back the recycling for residents. Make recreation for residents and visitors a priority. Future growth 10-20 years plus down the road. Michelson Road an area for light manufacturing businesses or storage companies. Something to bring jobs and growth into our community.

**Public Input:** Beautification of North side of M-55, sidewalks, flowers, a Lighted Welcome Sign on corner. Hall improvements including ability to rent hall to public including kitchen. Work with County Economic Development group to bring business to the Township. Create and purchase property that could be used to park food trucks in summer. Instead of sub-contracting our mowing and snow plowing, hire a Full Time Employee and purchase equipment to do this for us. Compare costs to see if it is worth it, to provide better services with plowing.

**Motion** Farhat, seconded Trier to spend up to \$1,200.00 for Planning Commission to purchase maps for the Master Plan. Roll Call. 4 ayes 0 nays. MC

**1<sup>st</sup> Parks and Recreation Project Presentation:** was given for a new Kayak/Canoe launch on West Shore of Houghton Lake in the DNR lagoon area by docks that are currently being used as tie up area for boats. Along with an addition of a 16 X 20 Pavilion with a cement slab underneath including parking by launch and pavilion.

**Motion** Farhat, seconded Russo Jr. for the Lake Township board to enter into talks with the DNR regarding a Spark Grant project named Houghton Lake West Shore Kayak/Canoe Launch, to launch with a possible lease agreement or gift to the DNR. Roll Call 4 ayes, 0 nays. All in favor. MC

**Motion** Farhat, seconded Russo Jr. to adopt Resolution 2022-19 with corrections for the Township Board to authorize submission of a Spark Grant Application for \$152,000.00. for the Houghton Lake West Shore Kayak/Canoe Launch. All in favor. MC

**2<sup>nd</sup> Parks and Recreation Project Presentation:** of a pocket park with playground and 2 pickle ball courts. Called the West Shore Park. Estimated at \$211,900.00 value. It was considered and seen to be too close to the Fire Department. Board will look into different area for this type of park in the future and a possibility of having more toys and walking trails.

**Board Comment:** Trier offering his time to prime and paint wall white add trim to brighten it up in hall. Russo Jr. looking into redoing hall will bring a packet to board to look at with pricing for remodeling of hall.

**Public Comment:** Public Comment was held. Comments were heard.

**Motion** Farhat, seconded by Trier to approve adjournment of meeting at 9:13 p.m. All in favor. MC

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Andrea Grabowski**

**Lake Township Clerk**

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***Approved at 12.13.22 LTRM.***