

Lake Township-Roscommon County

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 for a Regular Meeting. Stan Christler- Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Stan Christler-Supervisor, Harry Trier-Treasurer, Richard Brandt-Clerk, Dave Emmons-Trustee, Roger Kohn-Trustee

Motion: To approve the September 8, 2015 Agenda with the addition of Discussion of Lake Township Hall Inventory by Brandt.

Second: Kohn. *All in Favor.*

Reading of the August 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes by Brandt. **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes made by Emmons.

Second: Kohn. *All in Favor.*

Financial Report provided by Trier: Treasurer's Report, Period Ending August 31, 2015 was made available to the public and provided by Trier. Mr. Trier will be collecting taxes from 9-5 at the Township Hall on Monday 9/14/15.

Approval to Pay the Bills: Brandt provided the public with a report of all checks, including descriptions, written since 8/14/15.

Motion: To approve to pay the bills presented made by Emmons. **Second:** Brandt. *All in Favor.*

Fire Chief's Report provided by Dave Russo: There were two fires since the last meeting, and the new repeater located on Tower Hill Road is up and running. The department has 20 bottles that need to be hydro-tested at the cost of \$25/bottle which is included in the budget. The Board is continuing to work with Mr. Russo on his Performance Improvement Plan. Discussion included Standard Operation Guidelines (SOG's) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). At issue are Auditor items and funds still being owed to the Township.

Land Use Officer's Report: Jim Thiel was not present- no report provided.

Planning Commission Report by Bruce Olson: They are working on cemetery ordinances as well as rewriting ordinances due to the addition of new members. A ZBA Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on September 23, 2015.

Supervisor's Report by Christler: Attended meeting at the Road Commission and urges the public to make their position known on the proposed M-55 lane reduction. Upcoming Road Commission Meeting information will be posted on our website. **Motion:** To approve the bid from Dura-Seal to power clean and seal the cemetery asphalt by Emmons. **Second:** Brandt. *All in Favor.* **Motion:** To approve \$140 for a soil erosion permit for the dredging project by Kohn. **Second:** Emmons. *All in Favor.*

Correspondence: **Motion:** To purchase the new MTA book, "On Call Fire Department" at the cost of \$50 by Christler. **Second:** Emmons. *All in Favor.*

Old Business: 1. Street Light Update provided by Emmons- the Township should be receiving a refund of nearly \$36,000. 2. Harris Software Update provided by Brandt- the Township is now making quarterly support payments and the first payment has been made.

New Business: 1. Ambulance Authority Update, materials to be provided to members and discussion will be included on next month's agenda 2. Michigan Township Participating Plan Insurance Renewal- Dick Brandt will work with Barb Stevenson on premium.

Motion: To approve up to \$20,000.00 for insurance renewal by Dick Brandt. **Second:** Kohn. *All in favor.* 3. **Motion:** To purchase a new laptop computer for the Treasurer up to the amount of \$1,200.00 by Kohn. **Second:** Brandt. *All in Favor.* 4. Fire Hall Clean-Up: reviewed items where attention is needed. 5. Dick Brandt will work with Tony Farhat to obtain a separate e-mail address for the Clerk's office rather than continuing to use his personal e-mail address. 6. Dick Brandt is working on dates for fall and spring leaf pick-up dates. 7. Reimbursements: Dick Brandt asked again to limit the use of personal credit cards, etc. when making purchases for township purposes in order to save tax money. If possible, please see him in advance to obtain tax-exempt account information. 8. Discussion of mowing policy for property under foreclosure, tax sale, and bankruptcy resulted in agreement that the township will continue to mow such properties. 9. Dave Emmons requested that the Board Members set up a work day to inventory the contents at the Township Hall. 10. Dick Brandt requested that anyone interested in working at the upcoming elections contact he or Heidi VanWagner (Deputy Clerk).

Public Comment: 1. Barb Stevenson presented information on the 85th Anniversary Re-dedication of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter DAR Forest on Sunday October 4th at 1:00 p.m. 2. The Hazardous Waste Drop-off is this Saturday at the Road Commission. 3. The HL Improvement Meeting will be held on Sept. 22 at the Township Hall. 4. Reminder that it is time to begin seeking snowplowing bids for the season.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Richard Brandt, Lake Township Clerk

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Subject to correction/approval