

Lake Township  
Regular Meeting  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

Motion by Russo, Seconded by Harper to approve the agenda with the additions of policy forms and setting the annual meeting date. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Clerk Russo read aloud the minutes from the December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting. Motion by Russo, Seconded by Harper to approve the minutes with corrections. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Corrections:

Rose reviewed his tape recording from the November 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting. Which he found out Robyn Daniels did ask him why he didn't know how to use quick books. At the December meeting Robyn brought up to correct the minutes stating she asked Rose why he didn't know how to use excel. So this is noted to be changed back to quick books.

Roger Kohn asked Russo to have a written statement for each thing the auditor reported back and how it has been fixed. Also had questions about checks and mileage.

Pet crematory hours are now 8am-8pm Monday thru Friday.

Financial report placed on file and subject to audit.

No amendments to the budget.

Motion by Russo, Seconded by Rose to pay bills with check numbers 39206 thru 39272. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report:

Assistant Chief Aldrich reported the fire dept. had 5 fire calls this month.

The Fire dept. would like to thank Matt Locricchio who is the owner of Sands Motel for letting the fire dept. train in the motel before they tore down the building. Also had a good

opportunity to teach the new cadets who are going through the schooling to become firefighters.

Tip-up-town weekends the firefighters camp out at the fire dept. both weekends to ensure the safety of others.

#### Land Use Report:

1 complaint, 3 closed, 3 pending- 2 out of the 3 are in court, 2 land use permits and 156 miles traveled.

Jim said the pet crematory is going very well; he has not received any phone complaints since they have regular business hours and put up the new smoke stacks. The crematory is open from 8am-8pm Monday thru Friday. If they are going to go over the business hours Mr. Partridge said he would call Jim. They are currently looking for a different building where they won't be bothering anyone.

#### Planning Commission:

No meeting in December. Emailed the board a printed copy of the annual meetings.

No ZBA

#### Supervisor report:

Christler spoke to the road commission on the roads that have eroded and will get back to him in the spring.

#### Assessors Report:

Still working on the board of review dates.

#### Correspondence:

Received a letter from Houghton Lake Schools saying they are not collecting summer tax moneys. School isn't paying the township to collect taxes. Have to wait and see what's going to happen with the collection of the taxes.

#### Old Business:

Motion by Rose, Seconded by Aldrich to approve Dave Emmons and Dick Brandt for a board of review class which will take place on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Gaylord this includes 2 books. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

IRS increasing mileage starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. Motion by Harper, Seconded by Rose to increase mileage to 57.5 cents. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Tony Farhat and Supervisor Christler created a new form for all mileage. You can fill out the mileage form manually or electronic. If filling out the form electronically it will calculate the miles for you.

Tony and Christler also created a new time sheet. This time sheet needs to be filled out for all hourly employees. This also can be used electronically which will calculate your hours for you.

Motion by Christler, Seconded by Harper to adopt two new forms effect immediately. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Two forms were passed out to go over. The first one was a privacy act form to protect social security numbers. The other form was the credit card use policy.

Annual meeting date is set for March 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 at the Lake Township Hall, at 10a.m. on a Saturday. Motion by Christler, Seconded by Rose. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

#### Ballot Proposals:

Motion by Russo, Seconded by Harper to put on may ballot new equipment needed for the fire dept. Russo and Christler will work on writing this up and getting it to the county clerk to be put on the May 2015 ballot. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rose, Seconded by Aldrich to put 1 mil (3 years) on the May ballot for road funds. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aldrich, Seconded by Rose to not put the street light proposal on the May ballot. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

#### Public Comments:

Roscommon County Sheriff Randy Stevenson spoke to the audience to answer some questions he was called about. Stevenson explained the officers have been there to protect the safety of everyone. Also said if his deputies have nothing going on they just randomly stop by, said they do this in other township board meetings.

Roger Kohn said questions he asked Russo were still not answered regarding the audit. Russo said she will make sure she gets them done for next meeting. Kohn also passed out a packet to the board and audience and discussed mileage and election concerns.

Dave Emmons contacted the MTA about having party's at the fire dept. Emmons said having the Christmas party at the fire dept. is illegal. Emmons also wanted to remind everyone it's a new year so let's all get along and use team work.

Dick Brant had questions about the ox roast that the fire dept. hosts every year.

Kevin Rose says board should make it approved to have the drive way plowed before each township meeting, also put down salt and sand so no one else falls.

Dick Brant asked to hold a special meeting at the fire dept. to discuss credit card statements. The board decided to get back to Kohn and Brant with an answer as to holding this meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.  
Cindy Russo/ Lake Twp. Clerk  
Subject to correction/ approval  
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