

Lake Township minutes of regular meeting

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7pm by supervisor Christler leading the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Aldrich, Rose, Christler, Russo and Harper.

Motion to approve the agenda with addition to Paul Olson. Motion was made by Harper, and seconded by Russo. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes from the regular board meeting that took place on August 12, 2014 with the new corrections. Motion by Russo, and seconded by Aldrich. Motion carried With corrections Tony Farhat name was spelled wrong. Roger Kohn read a letter about inappropriate use of Lake Twp Fire Department Funds. There was a discussion about the fireman being at a consolidation meeting and getting paid to be there. Letter is included with minutes.

Financial report was passed out and put on file for the auditor.

Amended budget: No amends to the budget.

Rose made a motion to approve the bills. And Harper seconded it. Motion carried Stan is checking on a bill from Intelligent Design was not paid.

Fire Chief Report: Dave Russo reported they had 4 runs this month. Also a motion was made to hire Chad Macarthur as a new firefighter. Motion was made by Rose and seconded by Aldrich. Chad will be on a 6 month probation period.

Land use officer: 16 complaints, 8 land use permits, 3 yard sales and 11 blight reports. He drove 294 miles.

Jim reported to the board that a blight letter was mailed out and the grass company cut the wrong addressed yard. Jim made a suggestion to the board to drop the \$200 fee. Motion was made by Russo and seconded by Rose.

Also Jim reported he received a letter from a gentleman asking to drop the fees for cutting grass. The resident stated in the letter that he was a retired marine. Letters had been sent out prior and didn't receive any responses, also has pictures to prove how long the grass was.

The third letter Jim received was a complaint from a resident stating he was forced to cut his grass at his storage buildings when the pole barn next to him didn't receive a letter to cut his. Jim reported the thought the man owned both yards. It is being looked into by Jim.

Planning commission report/ ZBA report:

Planning commission reported questions about fencing stated they do not make a 36 inch fence, and asked to change the amending to a 4ft tall fence.

HL marina RV Park expired so they need to re-submit a plan before a fence can go up.

H&H fireworks need to add more parking to their business. They just had the ceiling collapsed on them and the board agreed to let the parking lot issue slide until they can get everything together with the inside of the business. Also stated they help the township out by cutting the corner lot in front of their building.

Chuck and Melissa Zemla own CSZ Services will now be our new assessors for the township. They live in St Johns and are willing to take on Lake Township. Let's welcome them as our new assessors. Motion by Christler seconded by Rose to hire CSZ Services. Motion carried.

Old business:

Rodger Kohn spoke and addressed more questions to Chief David Russo.

Motion by Aldrich and seconded by Rose to purchase an 18 x 24 inch sign with the saying similar to "closed at dusk, by order of the lake twp. board." This will hang in the cemetery as you drive in.

New Business:

Motion by Harper and seconded by Russo to re-sign up for insurance with Paul Olson. The board's insurance date for expiring was on 10/1/14.

Public Comments:

Rodger Kohn addressed he wanted us to add the the minutes from last month. Had more questions for the fire chief regarding the "make-up meeting" issue. Christler read a letter from our township attorney stating that the nothing was in the wrong doing regarding this current issue of the make-up meetings.

Dick Brant had questions about the Harris software program the clerk currently uses.

Janet Duwe had questions for the board on the re-stripping the roads on a secondary location.

Dave Emmons had questions for Russo as to why he hasn't received the reports he has requested. (He did receive them after the board meeting). Also had questions on missing checks and why they are not in order on the report sheets.

Questions regarding the long point bridge.

The board has decided to set up further discussion on stripping the lines on long point drive.

Dale Ernst spoke about how he received a bill to cut his grass when the neighbor Jim Maiani who owns the other pole barn has not received a notice in the mail for his grass. The land use officer reported he

thought dale owned both pole barns and now that he knows he doesn't he said he will look into the situation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm