

## Lake Township-Roscommon County

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 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 January 12, 2016 Agenda by Emmons. Second: Kohn. All in Favor.*

**Fire Chief's Report provided by Chief Edward Nettle:** Mr. Nettle provided a written report including an incident response report, a list of meeting and events attended, training information, and general updates. The Firefighter's Recreational fund was discussed as the remaining balance has been turned over to the Township Treasurer. Firefighters will be volunteering their time to staff the fire hall during both weekends of Tip-Up-Town.

Reading of the December 8, 2015 meeting minutes by Brandt. **Motion:** *To approve the regular meeting minutes made by Kohn. Second: Trier. All in Favor.* Discussion related to reading of the meeting minutes. **Motion:** *That the Lake Township Meeting Minutes no longer be read aloud during meetings by Brandt. Second: Trier. All in Favor.*

**Financial Report** provided by -Harry Trier: Treasurer's Report- Period Ending December 31, 2015 was made available to the public and provided by Trier. Mr. Trier will be available at the township hall on Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for tax collection. Chase Bank collateralization discussed and will be discussed with the auditor.

**Budget Amendments:** None.

**Approval to Pay the Bills:** Brandt provided the public with the credit card distribution report as well as a report of all checks, including descriptions, written since 12/15/15. **Motion:** *To approve to pay the bills (ck #40130-40202) made by Emmons. Second: Kohn. All in Favor.*

**Land Use Officer's Report:** Jim Thiel was absent- Bruce Olson presented a report of activities.

**Planning Commission / ZBA Report:** Bruce Olson provided an update of activities.

**Supervisor's Report:** Christler reported on the meetings he attended this month.

**Assessor's Report:** None. Mr. Trier voiced concerns related to Assessor's absence and requests that a report and/or the Assessor be available for future meetings.

**Correspondence:** 1. Sue Walworth- recording secretary for the Planning Commission sent a letter of resignation. Laurie Olson will be filling in for Ms. Walworth. 2. RTA letter related to the Annual Conference.

**Old Business:** 1. Joint Venture on New Tower- Mr. Kohn reported on progress. No action at this time. 2. Ordinance 9 Revisions by the Planning Commission. **Motion:** *To approve the amendments to Lake Township Ordinance 9 by Christler. Second: Brandt. All in Favor.* Ordinance 47 and 48 were tabled until February. 3. Consumer's Energy Refund Update provided by Emmons. 4. Mr. Emmons voiced his concern related to proposed future millages for street lights, roads, and fire equipment coming up in the November 2016 election.

**New Business:** 1. Land Contract Resolution. **Motion:** *To approve the resolution( read aloud) allowing Christler to complete the sale of the former Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority Building) by Christler. Roll Call Vote: Brandt- Yes, Kohn-Yes, Emmons-Yes, Trier-Yes, Christler-Yes. All in Favor.* 2. Cemetery Closing- People are welcome to walk into the cemetery, but it will not be plowed and will be fenced off during winter months. 3. Mr. Brandt will be working with Harris Software Support to complete township year-end work. 4. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 2 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. 5. Wage Resolutions must be turned in by next month.

**Public Comment:** 1. Parking lot light at the Township Hall will be replaced. 2. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. 3. **Motion:** *To move the regularly scheduled March 2016 township meeting to March 15th due to the Presidential Primary Election by Trier. Second: Emmons. All in Favor.* 4. **Motion:** *To replace Deputy Treasurer Jim Maiani, who is becoming a "snowbird" and must step down, with Cheryl Trier as his new Deputy. Second: Brandt. All in Favor.* 5. There will be a budget workshop on January 26th at 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

**Richard Brandt, Lake Township Clerk**  
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*Subject to correction/approval*