

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Special Board Meeting
November 18, 2021 @ 6pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Thursday, November 18, 2021 for a special board meeting. Keith Stiles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Tony Farhat-Trustee, Keith Stiles-Supervisor, Pam Surprenant-Clerk and Harry Trier-Treasurer. **Absent:** David Russo Jr.-Trustee.

Stiles stated not going into closed session. Stiles stated received offer to settle from residents' lawyer. His recommendation to the township is to reject it. Since the ordinance is in place you stick with the ordinance, and if you want to change the ordinance than you have to change the ordinance.

Maiani Court Case

Motion: Surprenant to follow attorney advice to reject Maiani offer to settle and continue with appeal process Maiani has initiated based on court ruling dated September 17, 2021. **Second:** Trier. Discussion regarding defendant being in contact with members of the board. Stiles responded he has been in contact with defendant since day one. Stiles still feels the ordinance relating to the six-foot fence does not make sense. Farhat stated talking with the defendant sends a mixed message about changing the ordinance and it creating an additional appeal costing this township money. That's what is costing the township additional money. **All in Favor. Motion Carries. Absent:** David Russo Jr.

Trier quired additional information from OEO regarding Maiani Court Case. Rose summarized Maiani Court Case.

Attorney bills in general

Stiles stated as the court cases clear up, they will drop off and that will reduce the legal fees; Marihuana appears to be close to the end. STR just received decision ordinance is enforceable and good. But, not able to prove if there was a renter in home on date citation was issued. The case was dismissed. Stiles continued maybe things can be worked out with residents to avoid going to court. Trier stated we have used application fee money to pay some of the attorney bills. Surprenant suggested routing questions regarding attorney bills be directed to Stiles prior to the meeting, so the board will have answers at the upcoming meeting. Trier stated in the past the Supervisor handled the contact with the attorney, not Trustee's, Clerk and Treasurer. Farhat echo's what Trier stated attorney contact handled through the Supervisor. Farhat stated perhaps the attorney bill relating to the PC could have been avoided if we talked internally as a team during a regular meeting. In the last two years special meetings have increased in number and I feel that has something to do with these bills.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk
Approved at LTRM December 14, 2021