

Lake Township-Roscommon County

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, October 13, 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 October 13, 2015 Agenda by Emmons. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

Reading of the September 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes by Brandt. **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes made by Kohn. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.**

Financial Report provided by Trier: Treasurer's Report- Period Ending September 30, 2015 was made available to the public and provided by Trier. **Motion:** In the future, a post mark date will no longer be accepted for tax payments. Taxes must be received by the marked due date made by Trier. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.** There was a discussion about paying occurring bills by automatic withdraw payments or on line banking rather than by check. Some bills will still require drafting warrants and checks.

Budget Amendments: Treasurer's Equipment Fund- \$1500.00 transferred for the Treasurer's laptop computer and software.

Approval to Pay the Bills: Brandt provided the public with a report of all checks, including descriptions, written since 9/10/2015.

Motion: To approve to pay the bills (ck #39863-39978) presented made by Kohn. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

Fire Chief's Report provided by Dave Russo: Three fire runs: September 9th, 21st, and 28th. Discussion of Standard Operating Guidelines Procedures. The Board will review and discuss approval next month. The Chief was offered a closed door session but refused. Discussion of August call logs, change of name on the checking account to Lake Firefighter Association, training sessions, Ox Roast revenue, expenses versus deposits for the department, and letter from the State of Michigan regarding audit. Chief was asked to resign, and refused. **Motion:** Being that the Chief is not meeting the needs of the community and due to continued poor leadership I recommend that Dave Russo be removed as Lake Township Fire Chief and Firefighter made by Kohn. **Second:** Emmons. **Roll Call Vote:** Kohn- Yes, Brandt- Yes, Christler- Yes, Trier- No, Emmons- Yes. **Motion Carries. Mr. Russo is removed as acting Fire Chief and Firefighter for Lake Township effective immediately.** Charles Aldrich will be temporarily promoted to Interim Fire Chief and the position will be posted.

Land Use Officer's Report: Jim Thiel presented a report of activities.

Planning Commission / ZBA Report by Bruce Olson: Next Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for October 26th at 6 pm at the Township Hall. They are working on Ordinance 9 dealing with Fireworks and Noise and will be looking at outdoor wood burning fire furnaces. One variance was granted at the September ZBA Meeting. Chris Lukatch resigned from the Planning Commission. **Motion:** Due to the number of members on the Commission it is moved that the fee for members be increased to \$350.00 made by Kohn. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.**

Supervisor's Report by Christler: Attended meetings at the Road Commission, MDOT and Sewer Authority. Thanks to Kevin for winterizing the pump at the cemetery on October 1st. Lake Township received a grant and was awarded bike racks for our future bike path. **Motion:** I nominate Carrie Wyskowski to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission made by Christler. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.**

Correspondence: Letter from the State relating to the Audit. Stan Christler will work with our auditor to address issues and respond accordingly.

Assessor's Report: None

Old Business: 1. Ambulance Authority Articles of Incorporation. **Motion:** To accept the Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority Articles of Incorporation made by Kohn. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.** 2. Street Light Update - Dave Emmons presented the Board with a letter and contract for signature from Consumers Energy outlining the proposed adjustments (refund) to be processed totaling \$34,495.80. **Motion:** To approve the Consumers Energy contract as written by Emmons. **Second:** Kohn. **All in Favor.** 3. Michigan Township Participating Plan Insurance Discount equaling 10% or approximately \$2,000. 4. Fox Street Canal Special Assessment- Project was delayed by initial contractor, so the homeowners would like to change contractors to Schlicht Ponds for the dredging project. **Motion:** To allow Schlicht Ponds to complete the Golden Beach- Fox Street Canal Dredging Project made by Christler. **Second:** Kohn. **All in Favor.** 5. Sewer Fund- Stan Christler will meet with attorney to develop ideas on how to free up the money and use for the public good. 6. Sign for the red light in window at Township Hall- complete and working. 7. County Road Tour Report- Dave Emmons and Richard Brandt participated in tour and provided eye-opening update on costs.

New Business: 1. Fire Hall Clean Up- Some work completed, several issues remaining. 2. Leaf Pick-Up Dates October 22nd, 29th, and Nov. 5th. 3. Township Hall Rental Agreement provided. **Motion:** To accept the newly written rental agreement and to inspect the premises at the time of rental and upon end of contract made by Brandt. **Second:** Kohn **All in Favor.** 5. New 6 ft ladder. **Motion:** To

*purchase a new fiberglass ladder at the cost of \$85.00 made by Trier. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.*** 6. Supplemental Insurance Premiums- **Motion:** *To continue with the Lake Township Board policy to allow the Clerk to avail himself of the supplemental insurance.* **Second:** Kohn. **All in Favor.** 7. Clerk / Deputy Clerk Training for Election Training.-Richard Brandt has earned accreditation and Heidi VanWagner is taking classes this week 8. Trash Collection Rates - **Motion:** *To allow for up to \$85 per household for trash pick- up made by Brandt. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.*** 9. Snowplowing- Richard Brandt will run an advertisement for bids and Board will address at next meeting. 10. ZBA and the Board will meet soon, date to be determined.

Public Comment: 1. **Suggestion** to post fees and fines for ordinances at the Township Hall and/or on the web-site. 2. Two tankers are old and need to be replaced. 3. Ambulance transfer concerns. 4. Suggestion to use the Fire Hall during the winter months instead of Township Hall for meetings to save costs.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Richard Brandt, Lake Township Clerk

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Subject to correction/approval