

**Township of Lake  
Roscommon County  
Annual Meeting  
March 14, 2020**

The Lake Township Board met on Saturday, March 14, 2020 for the annual meeting. Dave Emmons called the Meeting to order at 10:00 am. The pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

**Motion:** Tony F. to approve the March 14, 2020 agenda. **Second:** Pam S. **All in Favor.**

**Motion:** Tonya C. to approve the 2019 Annual Board Meeting minutes. **Second:** George M. **All in Favor.**

Emmons thanked the Board for their dedication and commended the hard work of the Planning Commission and ZBA. Emmons continued by thanking the election team and Rick J. and Kevin R. for attending to our Township Ordinances. Emmons also thanked the public for attending Township meetings and the Fire Department for their continued service of fire protection and safety rescues.

**Supervisor Report (State of Township)** - Emmons gave a synopsis of the year in review:

2019

- April - Planning voted on recommendations of medical marihuana. Board voted to OPT/IN, Planning to write Ordinance. Approved road repairs with RCRC for \$88,791. Start of talks about Township Hall. PC reviewing Ord. #55 written by our attorney.
- May - School taxes would be moved from winter to summer. Draft of Marihuana Ordinance was submitted to Board. Board to OPT/OUT of recreational Marihuana.
- June - PC stated they needed two meetings to have Ord. #55 ready for a vote by Aug. meeting. Complaints on recycle messes. PC discussion on Marihuana sample/Ord. #55 put on hold. Special Assessment for Beebe Island, but did not happen. Change to PC Ord. to allow one non-resident to serve on PC Committee.
- July - Closing on Land Contract July 15. Field inspector will be collecting data on assessment. Sue Amborse resigned and Cheryl Trier was named to Deputy Treasurer. Board members helped clean up the weeds and trash on river road ends. Board appointed G. Mika to Planning Committee. Farhat to review cemetery fees. Asked Republic for other options on recycle. Removal of PC chair.
- August - Resident came to meeting with concerns on short term rentals. Klahn resigned from Trustee position due to work conflicts. Road projects were completed. Rose and Judge switched positions. Board decided to remove recycle bins due to mis use.
- September - Ordinance #28 Health Care was rewritten. Ryan resigned as DC Surprenant appointed. Ketrow appointed to PC. Surprenant appointed to recording secretary for PC and ZBA. Started work on Short Term Rental Ordinance. Appointed Lukatch as Trustee. Discussion on building

continued. Determined offices are need for the clerk and other officials. So a new hall, building committee started research.

- October - Trash pickup went up from \$93 to \$100 a year. PC was told to finish Ord #55 first before Marihuana Ordinance. Emmons requested opinion from lawyer on Short Term Rental.
- November - Approved insurance for Fire Withholding. Stringfellow resigned as chair of PC. Resident addressed concerns on Short Term Rental. Trash users increased from 1588 to 1609. Fire Chief addressed the Board on purchase of 800 MHz radios and pagers \$51,682 purchase was approved. Cemetery fees were raised and approved. Continued work toward Marihuana Ord and Short Term Rentals. Asbestos tested and removed at 8801 E. HL Dr. K. Russo appointed to the PC. Inquires to go out for new Township Hall. USDA presented information on loan and grant programs.
- December - More letters and comments on Short Term Rentals. Still working on Ord #55. BOR was held on Dec 10th. Thanks to cemetery crew for keeping up the cemetery. Four members of BOR attended advance training class. Shredding bins were brought in to clean out the vault. Computers election and office were replaced. Special assessment for street lighting was discussed. Conceptual design of new hall from the Building Committee.

2020

- January - CD rate from 1.45% to 1.65%. PC working on Ord. #55. BOR scheduled for March 10 & 11 at Fire Hall. Three elections this year. All elected officials are up for election. Millages for Fire Equipment and Road Repair expire this year. Purchased office equipment for Treasurer. Submit budget requests. Mileage rate decreases to 57.5 cents per mile. No officials asked for pay raises. Board approved to spend up to 500k for new hall.
- February - Trier appointed Rose as the new Deputy Treasurer. Millage proposals for roads, fire equipment and street lighting. Short Term Rental work continues with meeting of all local townships. Phillenger-Daniels resigned from HLIB. Stiles was removed from HLIB. Approved wage of \$2400 for clerk non statutory duties. Approved USDA grant for Fire Dept.
- March - Approved budget for 20/21 fiscal year.

Emmons stated the Township is in great shape financially and that we have a dedicated Board that is looking out for Township residents.

### **Salary Resolutions**

Resident Pam S. questioned if this was the appropriate time to talk about pay increases.

**Motion:** Pam S. to approve a \$2000 a year increase for the Clerk. **Second:** Kirstie R. Emmons called for a raise of hands, **Motion Carries.**

### **Public Comments**

A resident expressed concern over meetings and the Covid-19. Discussion followed.

A resident expressed concern over building the new hall for the future, offices to accommodate Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk and Assessor.

A resident commented on additional work township officials may incur with a Short Term Rental Ordinance.

A resident commented that Board meetings are for the Board to conduct the Township business and public comments and conversations through out the meeting increase the length of the meetings. Discussion followed.

A resident commented that the Board move forward with the new hall and stop making excuses. Discussion followed.

A resident thanked the OEO, (Rick & Kevin) for their hard work to keep Township looking great. In addition, comments and concerns by residents should be brought to the office during business hours.

A discussion regarding attorney Fahey Schultz took place.

A resident is pleased the FD applied for a grant.

Residents commented on Short Term rentals.

**Motion:** George M. to adjourn meeting. **Second:** Kirstie R. **All in Favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Deputy Clerk

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Approved at March 27, 2020 Annual Meeting

