

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Teleconference
February 9, 2021 @ 7pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 for a regular board meeting. Keith Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

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

Trier announced tax collection at Township Hall on February 16, from 9am - 12pm and March 2, at his home office from 9am - 5 pm.

Motion: Trier to approve the February 9, 2021 agenda with three additional bills; Fahey, Edwards and Sergeants. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Motion: Trier to approve the January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Roll Call Vote:** Farhat-yes, Russo Jr. - yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Budget Amendments: None

Approval to Pay the Bills: Surprenant provided the public with the credit card distribution report as well as a report of all payroll and accounts payable checks, including descriptions, written since January 12, 2021. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve to pay the bills and payroll checks (checks #43185 through #43226). In addition, paying Fahey \$3,594.50, Edwards \$350.00 and Sergeants \$880.00. **Second:** Stiles. **Roll Call Vote:** Russo Jr. -yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Old Business: None

New Business:

Supervisor Correspondence Stiles stated received correspondence relating to trash, street lights, short term rentals and Marihuana ordinance.

Road Commission 2021 Projects Neil from RCRC went over the Lake Township 2021 upcoming road projects. Board discussed culverts, asphalt depth, stripping, Lantz Road, and shoulder widths. RCRC to prep agreement.

New Hire & Generator Wrzesinski presented a new applicant and updated board on generator which is part of the Grant. **Motion:** Stiles to hire Michael Wilder with six month probation period for the fire department. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr. - yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier -yes, Stiles-yes.

Motion Carries. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve additional \$1,000.00 to complete generator purchase. **Second:** Stiles. **Roll Call Vote:** Russo Jr. - yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat - yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Cost of Site Plan Surprenant presented costs of a site plan with and without special use. The costs exceeds the current charge of \$300.00. The cost for the township to hold one PC site plan without special use \$387.00 and cost with special use is \$474.50. **Motion:** Stiles to have PC site plans cover the costs without special use at \$387.00 and with special use at \$474.50; Resolution 2021-07. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Roll Call Vote:** Farhat-yes, Russo Jr. - yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier -yes, Stiles-yes. **Resolution Adopted.**

Alternate Member ZBA Appointment Stiles stated no response received from the Advertisements. **Motion:** Stiles to appoint Trier to ZBA Alternate position. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Russo Jr.-yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier-abstain, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Consistent Procedure on Appointments Surprenant stated during last month's public comments it was brought to the board's attention that the process for appointments is not consistent. Bringing this forward for board discussion. Term expirations in good standing could restate their interest to continue. **Motion:** Farhat to handle openings and term limit expirations as follows; to be posted on Township website, email blast, after 10 business days postings go to paper. **Second:** Surprenant. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr. - yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Resignation of D. Russo Jr. from Fire Department **Motion:** Stiles to accept resignation of Russo Jr. from Fire Department in good standing effective immediately. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Farhat-yes, Trier-yes, Russo Jr. - abstain, Surprenant -yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Non -Statutory Duties of Trustee D. Russo Jr. Russo Jr. explained according to MCL 41.96 states a board member can not be an employee and Trustee at the same time. Other duties would be part of non-statutory duties and must be assigned. **Motion:** Trier to assign non-statutory duties of of Lake Township fire fighter to David Russo Jr. with compensation per MCL 41.96. **Second:** Stiles. **Roll Call Vote:** Farhat-yes, Russo Jr. - abstain, Surprenant-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Fire Department Grant Update Surprenant stated the Fire Department Grant was set for completion March 31, 2021 and has been extended to September 30, 2021.

Resolution 2021-08 March 2021 BOR Protest Methods Houserman explained Resolution 2021-08. **Motion:** Farhat to approve Resolution 2021-08. **Second:**

Surprenant. **Roll Call Vote: Russo Jr.-yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. Resolution Adopted.**

Resolution 2021-09 Alternate Starting Date for BOR Houserman explained Resolution 2021-09. **Motion:** Surprenant to offer resolution 2021-09 for alternate starting date for BOR of March 10, 2021. **Second:** Russo Jr. **Roll Call Vote: Farhat-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Russo Jr. - yes, Stiles-yes. Resolution Adopted.**

Resolution 2021-10 For Poverty Exemption Houserman explained Resolution 2021-10 **Motion:** Trier to approve resolution 2021-10 for Poverty Exemption. **Second:** Stiles. **Roll Call Vote: Russo Jr. - yes, Farhat-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. Resolution Adopted.**

Garbage Special Assessment Correction (Mead) Houserman explained garbage is assessed per dwelling. **Motion:** Farhat to deny request of 9266 Mead Road based on definition. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Surprenant-yes, Russo Jr. - yes, Farhat - yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Garbage Special Assessment Correction (Long Point) Houserman explained no dwelling on parcel. **Motion:** Trier to approve removal of garbage charge at 3341 Long Point from 2020 winter tax bill and going forward. **Second:** Surprenant. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Russo Jr. - yes, Farhat - yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

2021/2022 Leaf Pickup/Mowing Contracts Out For Bid **Motion:** Surprenant to cancel Spring Leaf pickup and go out for bid for mowing in March; bids ready for April meeting. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Surprenant-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Farhat-yes, Trier-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

2021/2022 Township Board Meeting Schedule **Motion:** Surprenant to approve the FY 2021/2022 Township Board Meeting Schedule. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Farhat-yes, Surprenant-yes, Trier-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

2021/2022 Budget Public Hearing Date **Motion:** Stiles to hold budget public hearing immediately following the March 9, 2021 Board Meeting. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Russo Jr.-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

School Election Four Year Agreement Surprenant explained the School Election Agreements. **Motion:** Surprenant to opt in to COOR Intermediate School District Election, Kirtland Community College Intermediate School District Election and Houghton Lake Community School District Election. **Second:** Stiles. **Roll Call Vote: Surprenant-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Russo Jr.-yes, Surprenant-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.**

Resolution 2021-11 Affirmation of Record Keeping Surprenant explained Resolution 2021-11. **Motion:** Surprenant offers Resolution 2021-11 Affirmation of Record Keeping.

Second: Farhat. Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Surprenant-yes, Russo Jr-yes, Farhat-yes, Stiles-yes. Motion Carries.

Public Comment: Comments received from multiple residents regarding short term rentals.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk

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Approved at March 9, 2021 LTRM

