

Lake Township-Roscommon County

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, July 14, 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, Dick Brandt-Clerk, Dave Emmons-Trustee, Roger Kohn-Trustee

Motion: To approve the July 14, 2015 Agenda by Emmons. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.**

Reading of the June 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes-Brandt. **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes with one correction re: the spelling of Robyn Daniels name by Kohn. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.**

Financial Report provided by Trier: Treasurer's Report, Period Ending June 30, 2015 made available to public and provided by Trier. Roughly \$103,000 of summer tax revenue has been collected.

Approval to Pay the Bills: Brandt provided the public with a credit card distribution report and a report of all checks written since 5/18/15 including a description. **Motion:** To approve to pay the bills presented; check numbers 39637-39714 made by Kohn. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.**

Fire Chief's Report provided by Dave Russo: Fire on Long Point destroyed two homes and garages. The Ox Roast is this Saturday- July 18th. Discussion related to upcoming expenses for department. **Motion:** To authorize up to \$2,000 for pump testing and inspection by Emmons. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.** **Motion:** To authorize up to \$1500 for oil changes and service on trucks at HL Community Schools by Brandt. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.** **Motion:** To authorize up to \$400 for the purchase of one light and siren by Emmons. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.** **Motion:** That the carpet cleaning at the fire house shall be bid out by Emmons. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.** Following his report Russo was offered a closed meeting to discuss performance, he declined. Discussion related to department's \$20,000 cost over budget, 6-month training calendar that was to be submitted this evening as agreed upon at last month's meeting, status of action taken on insubordinate firefighter. **Motion:** Based on Mr. Russo's inability to follow the bylaws of the department, provide adequate leadership to the department, and provide information in a timely manner, I there move that we remove Mr. Russo as the Fire Chief of Lake Township Fire Department by Kohn. **Second:** None. **Motion Fails.** Discussion related to the need for improvements and setting objectives with a timeline. **Motion:** That Bobby Zwierzelwski be removed from the fire department for inappropriate behaviors of bullying, intimidation, and threats made against residents of the township by Kohn. **Second:** Brandt. Yea-Kohn, Brandt, Christler, Emmons. Opposed- Trier. **Motion Carries (4-1).**

Land Use Officer's Report provided by Jim Thiel: One contractor used for blight control has decided to discontinue services due to the jobs being tough on his equipment. Discussion regarding letter from property owner who is requesting having her administrative fee for lawn mowing waived on her rental property. The Board agreed that in this case it was not appropriate to waive the fee. Christler will follow up with a courtesy call. Discussion regarding a second township mowing case where a resident has moved and did not receive notification. The mowing fee has already been paid but requested that the administrative fee be waived. **Motion:** To waive the administrative fee for this resident by Kohn. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

Planning Commission Report by Bruce Olson: New bylaws have been approved and sent to the board for approval, along with new anti-noise and fireworks ordinance.

ZBA Report by Nancy Hose: The ZBA met and granted two variances.

Supervisor's Report by Christler: He's received many calls related to fireworks, attended a HL Sewer Authority Board Meeting, met with the DNR and Gosling Czubak regarding the proposed bike path, and went to a meeting at the Roscommon Co. Rd Commission re: weed buildup at road ends. He will continue to attend those meetings along with Emmons.

Assessor's Report: Board of Review Meeting at 10:30 a.m. on July 21, 2015.

Correspondence: Covered earlier in meeting.

Old Business: 1. Emmons has installed the new Lake Township sign. 2. BS & A /Harris Software Discussion. **Motion:** To authorize \$1500.00 for Harris Software training by Kohn. **Second:** Trier. Yea- Kohn and Trier, Opposed- Christler, Brandt, Emmons. **Motion Fails (3-2).** Additional information needed from BS&A.

New Business: **Motion:** To authorize the purchase of one MTA-F10A Book by Christler. **Second:** Kohn. **All in Favor.** **Motion:** To authorize purchase of a computer battery backup for the Clerk's machine by Kohn. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.** Opening of Cemetery Equipment Bids. **Motion:** To award the high bids of the following \$20.00 for the trailer to Dan Weinel, \$62.50 for the weed whip to Robyn Daniels, \$226.00 for the backpack blower to Kevin Rose, \$551.00 for the John Deere lawn tractor to Kevin Rose,

\$326.00 for the Leaf Pick Up Machine to Kevin Rose by Brandt. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.** IRS Issues: Brandt is investigating.

Treasure Trier is going to Chemical Bank about funds.

The \$6,400.00 underpayment of taxes. Emmons is looking into finding safe and more profitable ways to handle township funds. The Fox Street dredging special assessment project is moving forward. **Motion:** To approve the contract for the resident allowing the use of his lot for dredged material by Kohn. **Second:** Brandt. **All in Favor.** Discussion regarding number of members on the ZBA. **Motion:** To amend the ZBA from three to five members eliminating the need for an alternate and to include training for new members by Kohn. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.** Cemetery Update- Tony Farhat is working on a spreadsheet detailing available and sold plots. **Motion:** To approve \$70.00 for the Clerk's Office yard sign by Christler. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

Public Comment: Trier announced he will be at the township hall to collect taxes from 8 to 10 a.m. on July 22 and 29 and from 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Aug. 12, Aug. 19 and Aug. 26. He will also be collecting taxes on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Richard Brandt, Lake Township Clerk
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Subject to correction/approval