

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
August 10, 2021 @ 7pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, August 10, 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.

Meeting Attendance Roll call: Anthony Farhat-Trustee-here, David Russo Jr.-Trustee-here virtually, Harry Trier-Treasurer-here, Keith Stiles – Supervisor-here, and Pam Surprenant-Clerk-here.

Clerk Surprenant read statement- A member of the public body can still participate virtually if they meet one of the three criteria: in the military, a health issue, or there is a declared public emergency and can participate virtually through December 31, 2021 and can vote virtually.

Motion: Trier to approve the August 10, 2021 agenda. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Trier to approve the July 13, 2021 regular board meeting minutes. **Second:** Stiles. **4 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Trier to approve the July 30, 2021 special board meeting minutes. **Second:** Stiles. **4 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN. Motion Carries.**

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. **Motion:** Surprenant approval of payroll, the bills and payroll checks 43447 through 43488 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register. Trier reported that the extra charge on the trash bill last month was for our portion of the County wide recycle program. **Second:** Stiles. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Budget Amendments: Motion Stiles to approve budget amendments as presented. **Second:** Trier. Discussion. **4 AYES, 1 NAY. Motion Carries.**

Payroll Policy: Motion Surprenant to approve payroll policy as before us, with changes to numbering. Discussion. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Accounts Receivable Policy: Surprenant explained the board received the changes for review. Discussion. Due to several changes, accounts receivable policy will be retyped and presented at the next board meeting.

Update on Referendum: Clerk Surprenant read the following statement:

Synopsis and update on Lake Township Referendum: On June 17, 2021 the township received a letter of intent to file a petition of referendum relating to Ordinance 55A Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Legend Amendment Sec. 1, Sec. 2-370, Sec. 9 and Ordinance 56A Lake Township Michigan Marihuana Licensing Ordinance. The petitions were received within the appropriate time frame.

In a show of good faith, the township attorney reviewed the petition language and responded directly to the petition circulator.

On August 2, 2021, a letter from the township was sent to circulators of the petitions denying certifications of the petitions, paragraph three of this letter outlines the deficiencies. This is not a task I took lightly.

Petition requirements include critical items beyond the number of qualified signatures. It is the responsibility of the circulator of a petition to uniformly comply with all requirements. This includes Michigan laws relating to the specific petition topic and the Michigan Election Law.

With regards to transparency; Please understand that information from the township attorney is protected by a privilege held by the Lake Township Board. The confidentiality of these materials is a serious matter. The Lake Township Board is required to protect this information.

On multiple occasions the circulators received verbal and written recommendations from the Lake Township attorney, Lake Township Clerk and the Roscommon County Clerk to consult an attorney to address the deficiencies in the petition, to meet the Michigan Election laws, and specific laws relating to the petition topic.

The petitions provided to the township gave me no choice but to make the decision that I did. Michigan Bureau of Elections has a 'strict compliance' with Michigan Election Law.

Farhat commented it was not a board decision and feels she went through everything that was in her responsibility. Stiles stated input was provided at the last meeting.

Marihuana FAQ, Forms & Application Dates: Discussion regarding FAQ's and other forms that were created. **Motion:** Trier to change application dates to August 11-September 3, 2021. **Second:** Stiles. **4 YAYS, 1 ABSENT. Motion Carries.**
Motion: Surprenant to add the Marihuana application scoring on the website pending response from attorney. **Second:** Trier. **4 AYES 1 ABSENT.** Motion carries.

David Russo Jr. left meeting (virtually) at 7:27 p.m. Prior to the above vote. He left due to technical difficulties.

New Business:

Cherry Capitol Communications (Presentation): Tim Maylone, presented information regarding broadband.

Supervisor Correspondence:

Stiles stated received HLBA and HLSA running smooth. Correspondence received one short term rental email against, and dealt with trash issues. Quick note, if blue bin gets damaged, call Republic, if stolen must fill out police report then contact Republic for replacement at no charge. If want extra garbage bin \$65.00 per year.

Financial Report: Trier presented the Treasurer's Report-Period ending July 31, 2021 and made it available to the public which he reported currently balances with the Clerk. With Horizon bank coming, the Township will have to change account routing number and account number and we have to get all new checks and change all ACH transactions.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Wrzesinski provided a written report to the board.

Motion: Trier to remove Mike Wilder from six-month probation status. **Second:** Stiles. **4 AYES 1 ABSENT. Motion carries.**

Ordinance Enforcement Officer's Report: Rose submitted report of complaints and land use permits issued to board members.

Planning Commission Report: Riss provided a written report to the board.

ZBA Report: Nothing to report.

Assessors Report: None.

HLIB – Mikolaizik reported planting rice in 50 acres of muddy bay for three years, it appears to be working. Two new wash machines were purchased by HLIB for two of the DNR launches.

Supervisors Report: Stiles stated discussion regarding public comment, at this time, we will be sticking with one public comment at the end of the meeting. This is not a question and answer, or debate out in the audience, it is comments to the board, good or bad. You can contact the board in between meetings via phone or email, if you would like to communicate other than public comment.

Committee Report New Town Hall:

Surprenant submitted report.

Fire With Holding Resolution 2021-14: Motion: Surprenant to adopt Resolution 2021-14 Fire With Holding, with update on escrow account, removing the name of the bank. **Second:** Trier. Discussion. **4 AYES, 1 ABSENT. Motion Carries.**

Performance Resolution with MDOT 2021-15: Motion: Stiles to adopt Resolution 2021-15. **Second:** Farhat. **4 AYES, 1 ABSENT. Motion Carries.**

Bids for Fall Leaf Pickup: Stiles stated checking with Roscommon to see if township can pick up leaves and take over there. Also, checking on recycling. **Motion:** Stiles go out for bids in Resorter for leaf and small branch pickup with dates of October 11, October 25 and November 8, 2021. **Second:** Farhat. **4 AYES, 1 ABSENT. Motion Carries.**

WEBEX: Motion: Farhat to cancel WEBEX subscription. **Second:** Trier. **4 AYES, 1 ABSENT. Motion Carries**

ARPA Dollars/Revenue Loss/Reporting: ARPA Dollars were applied for in July. Trier discussed what money could be used for. Next step, Township must calculate revenue loss. Revenue loss is due October 31, 2021. Trier and Stiles to work on together. ARPA Resolution will be added to next month's agenda. Discussion on reporting requirements.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: Residents from Brad N Criss dredging were present they did not contact the board to be placed on the agenda. They were informed to contact the board to be placed on the agenda when they have their costs together for the dredging project. Comment regarding dredging project. Comment on water level, comments regarding dam, comments for marihuana, bowling alley is not being closed and it will not be turned into a dispensary, short term rental committee of residents, one comment on STR relating to the courts, resident is collecting STR signatures against STR, letter read regarding referendum, comment regarding supervisor not reading correspondence, comments against marihuana, negative comments on plane flying with flag relating to marihuana, comment regarding economic development and demographics, comment on sound system and not being able to hear, and comment regarding how much money the townships will receive in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk

Approved with *corrections* at 9/14/21 Board Meeting