

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
July 14, 2020 @ 7pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 for a regular board meeting. Dave Emmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Dave Emmons - Supervisor, Tonya Clare-Clerk, Harry Trier-Treasurer, Chris Lukatch-Trustee, and Anthony Farhat-Trustee.

Motion: Trier to approve the July 2020 agenda with the following changes, add public comment and end of meeting, and add 2020-23 Election Worker Pay with Election Update. **Second:** Clare. **All in Favor.**

Motion: Trier to approve the June 9, 2020 teleconference board meeting minutes. **Second:** Lukatch. **All in Favor.**

Motion: Trier to approve the June 23, 2020 special meeting minutes. **Second:** Lukatch. **All in Favor.**

Correspondence:

Emmons read two letters against short term rentals and read invite to a pig roast. Trier read correspondence regarding a resident using a shed as living quarters.

Public Comments:

Several residents made comments against short term rentals. One resident passed out information to the Board regarding his particular situation relating to the short term rental adjacent to his home.

Budget Amendments:

Motion: Emmons to approve the budget amendment for County Assessment Printing and Household Hazardous Waste in the amount of \$346.79. **Second:** Farhat. **All in Favor.**

Financial Report: Trier presented the Treasurer's Report-Period ending June 30, 2020 and made it available to the public which he reported currently balances. Trier continued explaining there is a message on tax bill explaining why summer tax bill is higher. Trier spoke of an agreement that was motioned in 2019 for the school board to pay \$2.50 a parcel to the township to collect school taxes on the summer tax bill. Trier continued the agreement is being updated and signed and on its way. Trier stated the township received 15k in revenue sharing and 11k from a demolition repayment. Trier is concerned over the expenses and pointed out the street lights are in the hole by 3k.

Emmons spoke of the street light millage that is on the ballot.

Approval to Pay the Bills: Discussion regarding attorney fees. Clare 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 June 11, 2020 **Motion:** Trier to approve to pay the bills (checks #42826 through #42874). **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.**

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Wrzesinski provided a written report including and Incident Summary Review, Policy and Procedure Review, and monthly expenditures.

Motion: Clare to hire Renee McRath as a probationary firefighter. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

Land Use Officer's Report: Rose submitted report of complaints and land use permits issued to board members. Emmons went over report at meeting. Farhat stated 25 closed items in June and July. Rose indicated he sent out a email to the Board regarding short term rentals.

Planning Commission Report: Ketrow reported on two special meetings held in June. Ordinance 55 June 8, 2020 version is being presented to the Township Board for approval.

Motion: Emmons to approve Ordinance 55 as written, June 8, 2020 draft. **Second:** Clare. **All in Favor.**

ZBA Report: Hull reported two meetings in June. Four additional meetings between now and September.

Assessors Report: None.

Supervisors Report: Emmons reported attended his normal meetings. Emmons continued Denton Township is opening first solar powered pumping station next week. Second payment to be made on the roads.

Old Business:

Short Term Rentals: Emmons would like the Board to have a discussion, please hold comments from floor. Board members discussed options. Trier commented short term rental not allowed and procedure should be followed, call OEO. OEO should not go to short term rental at midnight to break up party. OEO is not law enforcement. Trier suggested a fine of 1k. Farhat stated he has heard from both sides. Farhat feels he purchased in a residential zone. Farhat continued maybe rezone the resorts. Hotels are for rentals. This will be costly to enforce whichever way we go, a zoned community was created years ago without a short term rental ordinance. Clare stated she agrees with Trier and Farhat. Enforce ordinance the way it is. Lukatch is against short term rentals in a residential area, and look at possibly rezoning resorts. Discussion among Board to contact police first, not OEO at all hours of the night. Rose suggested the township make sure the prosecutor will support the township resolution with guidelines and fines. Discussion on fines. Plausible violation letter, \$500.00 fine and court, and additional \$500.00 fine per occurrence. Emmons stated unfortunately majority of rentals result in heart ache. He continued Lake township has approximately 38 rentals and 1,150 homesteaded individuals. After analyzing he feels ordinance is in place and continue with that.

Motion: Emmons currently stay with current ordinance that does not allow short term rentals. **Second:** Lukatch. **Roll Call Vote: Farhat-yes, Trier-yes, Clare-yes, Lukatch-yes, and Emmons-yes. Motion Carries.**

Clare continued with confirming the fee schedule and process. 1. Warning/Violation letter, with all information included. 2. Second warning/violation letter with a \$500.00 fine. 3. \$1,000 fine while court proceedings taking place. Emmons suggested a lawyers opinion. Emmons stated make a complaint, verify renter, not relations. Trier again stated OEO should not go on night calls, they should call the police and call OEO next day. Emmons to contact attorney.

New Business: Roscommon County Solid Waste Management

Vicki Garon from American Waste explained the Roscommon County Solid Waste Management Plan 2020 Plan Amendment. The Board of Commissioners back in November decided they wanted to provide the residents more options than what you currently might have. The Board looked at more efficient ways to handle solid waste. Before you is a plan amendment. They changed the County plan, currently you are only allowed transfer stations, they added the ability to site a processing plant, and expanding to add more counties to place waste. Roscommon County would have to approve a site plan should such a facility come into play, each county is listed that we can import and export waste to and Roscommon County will still not have a land fill within the County. Map of all companies represented as solid waste haulers are listed. No cost to the Township. This allows for competitive nature of waste removal. Board of Commissioners has approved it. Pending each township approval or denial. Must be approved by 67% for it to pass. **Motion:** Clare offered resolution to accept the agreement presented.

Second: Emmons. **Roll Call Vote:** Lukatch-yes, Clare-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, and Emmons-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Alternate for ZBA & ZBA Renewal

Emmons stated if anyone is interested in serving on the ZBA to contact him. **Motion:** Clare to approve D. Hull for additional 3 year term on the ZBA. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

Auditor Approval

Clare presented information on two auditing firms. **Motion:** Farhat to approve H & S Auditing firm. **Second:** Lukatch. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Clare-yes, Lukatch-yes, Farhat-yes, and Emmons-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Bebee Island Special Assessment

Emmons presented information on Bebee Island requesting two year special assessment, totaling \$15,900 involving 48 parcels.

Motion: Emmons to approve Bebee Island request for canal work, two year special assessment, 48 parcels involved. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Farhat-yes, Clare-yes, Lukatch-yes, Trier-yes, and Emmons-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Cemetery Management

Farhat indicated cemetery records are all in paper form in his home, as he needs access to them. Farhat would like to obtain quotes for putting cemetery records in a digital format with mapping of the cemetery. Farhat continued suggesting Pontem software program at approximately \$3,200.00 plus stamping of grave markers, approximate cost \$700.00.

Deputy Clerk Pay

Clare explained due to the changes implemented for the upcoming election the scope of the work has increased. The Deputy Clerk worked 9.75 hours over the 40 hours approved by the motion passed in March. Trier stated when she works over her 40 hours she should notify Tonya. **Motion:** Clare to pay Deputy Clerk the additional 9.75 hours for the month of June to complete election duties. **Second:** Farhat. **Roll Call Vote:** Farhat-yes, Lukatch-yes, Trier-no, Clare-yes, and Emmons-no. **Motion Carries.**

Election Update

Clare reported on PPE supplies coming from the Bureau of Elections. To date 312 ballots have been mailed, 113 ballots have been received and an additional 92 voters have been added to the permanent absent voter list. **Motion:** Clare offered resolution 2020-23 election worker pay for the 8/4/2020 election. **Second:** Emmons. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Clare-yes, Lukatch-yes, Farhat-yes, and Emmons-yes. **Motion Carries.**

HLBA/Lake Township Ordinance 58 & Ordinance 59 Amendment

Motion: Emmons moves to adopt the Michigan Construction Code Ordinance **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote:** Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Clare-yes, Lukatch-yes, and Emmons-yes.

Motion: Clare Moves to adopt the amendments to Civil Infraction Ordinance. **Second:** Lukatch. **Roll Call Vote:** Lukatch-yes, Clare-yes, Farhat-yes, Trier-yes, and Emmons-yes. **Motion Carries.**

Medical Marihuana

Trier questioned the planning commission on where they stand on the medical Marihuana ordinance. Ketrow explained the commission is working with a Denton and Lake township

ordinance and reviewing each one of the documents. Emmons and Trier felt recreational Marihuana needs to be considered.

Mileage Payment

Trier stated the township does not have a policy regarding mileage payment. Trier spoke of trips to the post office to pick up mail. Trier stated he does not feel he should charge mileage to go to the post office or the bank, he believes it is part of his job. Trier continued should he travel to Roscommon or Cadillac he throws in his mileage for that. Trier would like it defined, who can charge mileage and for what. Farhat stated when you are working for the township and traveling for work its appropriate to charge mileage. Farhat suggested asking question to MTA. Trier stated that would be fine.

Non Certified Roads

Motion: Clare offered resolution to non certify roads, two roads called Finley Street and Bob's Place. **Second:** Emmons. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Clare-yes, Lukatch-yes, Farhat-yes, and Emmons-yes. Motion Carries.**

Planning Commission Member Rick Ketrow Renewal

Motion: Emmons to extend Rick Ketrow for a three year term on the Planning Commission. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

Repeal Ordinance Numbers 37 & 50

Motion: Clare offered Ordinance 60 to repeal Ordinance 37 & 50. **Second:** Emmons. **Roll Call Vote: Clare-yes, Trier-yes, Farhat-yes, Lukatch-yes, and Emmons-yes. Motion Carries.**

Township Hall

Lukatch stated the township completed due diligence review on property looking at for the township hall. Scott Emmons did the review, he is a licensed professional engineer for the State of Michigan. The properties reviewed were the current location, Val Halla property off Old 27 and the property next to the Firehall. The review was sent to the Board. Next step is to finalize hall location. **Motion:** Lukatch to approve township hall located on the property next to the fire hall lots 44 and 45 on West Shore Drive. **Second:** Emmons. Discussion. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-no, Lukatch-yes, Clare-yes, Farhat-no, and Emmons-yes. Motion Carries.**

Public Comments:

Comment regarding zoning, master plan and recreation plan. Jim M. provided township with HLIB report. Julie B. commented on summer taxes for non homestead homes.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Deputy Clerk

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Approved at Lake Township Board Meeting 8/11/20

