

Lake Township  
Regular Meeting  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by supervisor Christler. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members were present.

Motion by Aldrich, Supported by Harper to approve the agenda. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Clerk Russo read aloud the minutes from the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion by Russo, seconded by Rose to approve the minutes with the corrections. All ayes, nays none.

Corrections: Robyn Daniels asked Rose why he doesn't know how to use "excel" and he didn't answer the questions that were asked.

Also had the name Mr. Parker listed as the owner of the pet crematory and his name is actually Mr. Partridge.

Financial report placed on file and subject to audit.

No amendments to the budget.

Motion by Russo, Seconded by Harper to pay bills with check numbers 39142 thru 39205. All ayes, Nays none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Assisted Fire Chief Aldrich reported 4 fire runs this month.

Land Use Report: 2 Complaints, 1 Closed, 6 pending, 2 are in court and 63 miles traveled.

Jim Thiel had a meeting with the DEQ, They met at the pet crematory with Mr. Partridge. Mr. Partridge didn't put up the 8 ft. extensions only put up the 4 ft. stacks and left a 2 inch gap from the old to the new to allow more air flow.

Jim and Mr. Partridge discussed new business hours and they agreed to four days a week from 8am- 6pm. If any more issues come up DEQ said to contact them right away.

Planning Commission Report/ ZBA:

Meeting dates for 2015 were discussed. Made updates to ordinance 9. Had a meeting with building committee, can have meeting next week with information.

ZBA- No Reports

Supervisor report: Christler and Farhat attended the meeting with the four townships to

discuss the parks and rec's. Christler wants to make a master calendar so that functions that are going on around Houghton Lake don't happen to fall on the same day. Also discussed a bike trail and water trail. Working with Roscommon Twp. To see what this will do to benefit our Township.

Assessor's Report: Christler reported that only four corrections were made at the board of review correction only meeting.

Correspondence: Christler said he got a bunch of stuff in the mail from people this month looking for donations.

Old Business:

Rescinded Resolution # 11-11 of 2014 Motion by Russo, Seconded by Harper. All Ayes, Nays None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Resolution #09-12 OF 2014

Resolution of adoption

Stipulation and agreement

At a regular meeting of the board of the Township of Lake, held in the Lake Township Hall in the County of Roscommon, Michigan, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014, there were

Present: 5 Absent: 0

The following resolution was offered by Aldrich, and supported by Harper.

This matter having come before the Court, agreement having been reached, the stipulation and agreement having been placed on the record, it is hereby Ordered and Adjudged as follows:

1. The Defendant, Thomas Rose, shall forthwith pay back to the township the amount of \$4160.00 in restitution for payments received by himself and his wife, Nancy Rose. Said amount represents payments made by the Township to Thomas Rose and Nancy Rose in excess of their respective approved annual salaries. Defendant Cynthia Russo having written checks for said amounts without board approval.
2. Henceforth the Township Board shall have to vote on and approve, before they are paid, any amount of payments in excess of \$400.00 at their regularly scheduled meetings, with the limited exceptions of re-occurring bills or expenditures which may be allowed to be paid initially (prior to the meetings) but will ultimately be subject to Board approval (I.e. monthly utility bills) at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the expenditure.
3. Any attorney fees incurred by either defendant, in their respective defense of their actions in the above-captioned files, shall be the sole responsibility of the respective defendant, and they shall hold harmless from contribution, in any amount, the Township for any such fees or portion thereof.
4. Henceforth there shall be no checks written or payment made to any one individual or

person, above and beyond those amounts established by board approval as salaries for officers, agents and/or employees, by the township clerk, without Board approval prior to said checks being written or paid.

5. The Township Board shall include these provisions and adopt same as a resolution at the next regularly-conducted Township Board meeting.

6. Upon verification that the foregoing has been adopted by Resolution of the Township Board, the charges against the defendants herein shall be dismissed with prejudice.

Motion by Rose, Supported by Russo. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Roll call vote:

Russo yes, Rose Yes, Harper Yes, Aldrich Yes, Christler Yes

Supervisor Christler read aloud this new resolution

Motion by Russo, Seconded by Rose to approve Sandi King to a 6 year term to the Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority Board. All ayes, Nays none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rose, seconded by Aldrich to keep Dave Russo, Mike Blancher, Dick Brandt on the board of review and Dave Emmons as the alternate. All ayes, nays none. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dave Emmons had questions for Aldrich on how much the closet at the fire dept cost. Aldrich let Emmons know that he didn't know the exact amount of moneys spent but he did say he knew that board for the bottom around the floor was real wood so it was more expensive.

Emmons also asked the board about the budget and wondering if they were on track of close to going over the budget. Christler said the budget is doing really well and this budget only goes until March.

Robyn Daniels had questions about the well at the cemetery wanted to make sure it was done correctly. Kevin Rose and Christler assured her they went to check it out the next day and made sure it was done and winterized right.

Motion to adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Cindy Russo/ Lake Twp Clerk

Subject to correction/ approval

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