

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
September 14, 2021 @ 7pm**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, September 14, 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: Anthony Farhat-Trustee, David Russo Jr.-Trustee, Keith Stiles – Supervisor, Pam Surprenant-Clerk and Harry Trier-Treasurer.

Motion: Trier to approve the September 14, 2021 agenda. **Second:** Stiles. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Stiles to approve the August 10, 2021 regular board meeting minutes adding correction “due to technical difficulties” explaining why Russo Jr. left the meeting.

Second: Farhat. **4 YAYS, 1 abstain (Russo Jr.) 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:** Trier approval of payroll, the bills and payroll checks 43489 through 43557 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register. With Farhat’s correction on the agenda starting check 43488 should be 43489. **Second:** Russo Jr. **All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Budget Amendments: None

Accounts Receivable Policy: Surprenant explained the board received the changes for review based on discussion from the last meeting. **Motion:** Surprenant to approve the accounts receivable document that was sent to the board. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Supervisor Correspondence:

Stiles stated received correspondence relating to short term rentals and a builder starting work at 7 a.m. on a Sunday.

Financial Report: Trier presented the Treasurer’s Report-Period ending August 31, 2021 and made it available to the public which he reported currently balances with the Clerk. Trier stated he continues to work on making changes due to the new bank, Horizon.

Fire Chief’s Report: Fire Chief Wrzesinski provided a written report to the board. Wrzesinski stated the Fire Department Association is up and running. This will allow the Fire Department to hold fund raisers and accept donations to support the Fire Department. To donate checks can be made out to Lake Township Fire Fighters Association. Mike Wilder is the Association President, Bruce Hose is the Vice President, and Scott Baker is the Secretary. Farhat thanked the Fire Department for the 911 memorial, extending the ladder truck and displaying the American Flag, along Old

27. Discussion on replacing township flags. **Motion:** Stiles to approve purchase of a new flag for the township hall. **Second:** Farhat. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Motion: Stiles to approve \$10.00 increase per fire run. Discussion. No second, motion falls to floor.

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. Russo Jr. brought forth an article from the Planning Commission relating to caregiver cooperatives. Discussion.

ZBA Report: None.

Assessors Report: None.

Supervisors Report: Stiles stated the sewer authority is looking into upgrading the system.

Committee Report New Town Hall:

Surprenant submitted report.

Special Assessment: Mike Mazzocco requested to be on the agenda relating to a dredging project in the area of Brad n Cris. Mazzocco provided some additional documents to the board. Discussion regarding number of quotes, number of parcels, signature dates are prior to the one quote received, and project is targeting Spring 2022. The board again referred Mazzocco to document "You Get What You Pay For". Trier stated must get final figures and work it out among the people in that area. The cost will be spread amongst everyone, even those who have not signed the petition. Surprenant read letter received from C. Downs. Resident spoke against the project. Discussion continued. Trier stated the township acts as a bank for your dredging and the township will get 3-4% interest on that investment.

Lake Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Resolution 2021-16:

Motion: Surprenant to adopt Resolution 2021-16 Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest with inserting the gift amount at less than \$20.00. **Second:** Farhat. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Snow Plow Bids: Motion: Farhat to place ad for 2021/2022 Snow Plow bids for the township. **Second:** Surprenant. Discussion. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Fall Leaf Pickup Bids Received: Surprenant stated one bid was received for Fall Leaf pickup. The bid is from West Shore Property Management for Fall leaf pickup on three dates totaling \$1,900.00. **Motion:** Stiles to accept bid from West Shore Property Management for Fall leaf pickup for three dates of October 11, October 25 and

November 8, 2021 total \$1,900.00. **Second:** Trier. Discussion. **4 AYES, 1 abstain (Farhat) Motion Carries.**

Motion: Farhat to place ad in paper for Leaf dates to notify residents, out lined in bold. **Second:** Surprenant. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Land Division Application: Motion: Stiles to approve land division application from Assessor for Gary King. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Planning Commission File Sharing: Farhat explained the process to preserve not only planning commission files but all township files electronically. Farhat explained central depository for township and or Planning Commission documents. He stated this is a large task and would suggest an IT service company be involved. Discussion. **Motion:** Stiles to table until prior to the next budget preparation begins. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Sound System: Farhat explained what he researched regarding a sound system for the hall. Discussion. Board feels additional information should be obtained. Farhat to look into further. Trier to reach out to a possible contact.

Resignation Planning Commission/Ad for Paper: Motion: Stiles to accept K. Russo resignation from the Planning Commission in good faith. **Second:** Trier. **4 YAYS, 1 abstain (Russo Jr.) Motion Carries.** Stiles stated ad to be placed in Resorter for position.

RFP Muskegon River Bids Received: Surprenant stated the township received four bids. First one from company called OHM. The bid is \$8,172.00. Surprenant highlighted what the bid included. The next one is from Rowe Professional Services. The bid is \$3,000.00. Surprenant highlighted what the bid included. Scott Civil Engineering Company bid is for \$7,480.00. Surprenant highlighted what the bid included. Bid from Fleis & Vandenbrink is for \$12,800.00. Surprenant highlighted what the bid included. Stiles stated board will review independently between now and the next meeting. **Motion:** Surprenant to table until next meeting, until the board has a chance to review the four bids. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor. Motion Carries.**

Policy Relating to Public Comment: Stiles stated that public comment will be held at the end of the meetings. Two minutes per comment and one comment per person. Stiles reminded everyone this is not a question-and-answer session, it is public comment. Stiles encouraged public to contact board by phone or email between meetings to express concerns or maybe resolve some concerns.

Special Meeting: Stiles stated there may be a special meeting prior to the next board meeting to review the applications for the Marihuana facilities that have been received.

Board Comment: Stiles commented on how the township board, past board or future board is planning the future of the township; do we plan 5-10 years or do we plan 40-50

years out. Stiles feels the long-term future is where the board should focus. Surprenant stated that R. Bernard filed a law suit against the Lake Township Board. Surprenant stated received letter from Habitat for Humanity in relationship to the ARPA funds. A response will be drafted. Trier stated he wished there were a lot more people here tonight, as in previous nights. You look up here at these five people and we have been elected to do the best job we can. We are not here to solve all your problems. We are here to manage situations that come up. Trier continued I am looking forward to the 2024 elections to come around, there are going to be so many different names from people out here on that ballot. Because everybody has got great ideas other than what these five people do. I am looking forward to be able to pick the names of all the people who have been sitting in these meetings to decide who to vote on to be on this next board. Surprenant stated I would just like to add to what Harry said, we are just your neighbors trying to do the best of our ability to do what we think, will put the township in a good position.

Public Comment: Comment regarding residents tearing each other apart, people don't respect each other. Just because you have a different opinion, I mean people should respect that in public comment. Comment regarding nice to see board taking action to benefit the people that live here and visit here. Plan for what you have before you today and trust you were elected to do those things.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Clerk

Approved with correction at October 12, 2021 regular board meeting