

<p style="text-align: center;">LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2020, 6:30 P.M. LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL 8105 W. KELLY ROAD, LAKE CITY, MI 49651</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVED Minutes</b></p>
<p>Supervisor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call: Treasurer Ouwinga, Clerk Winkelmann, Supervisor Hall, Trustee Wolford, Trustee Bradley.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p>Moved by Wolford, seconded by Ouwinga to accept the minutes of May 13, 2020 as printed. <b>Motion Carried.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b> to approve minutes of May 13, 2020</p>
<p>Treasurer's report received for information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p>
<p>Public Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>David DenHouten</b> - Current prosecutor spoke regarding August 4, 2020 Election, which is the key Election date for him and his opponent as Republican nominees. Jan 1, 2019 he started in office, requesting consideration to continue in office. He is currently a member of the Missaukee County Republican Party, and grew up in SW Michigan. Education: GVSU, Wayne State Law School. Graduated top 3<sup>rd</sup> of his class and the top 20-25% of class for the bar exam. During law school he managed various projects within the City of Detroit, along with attending night school to obtain his law degree. Worked for approximately 15 years in a corporate practice handling high profile positions- General Council, and Chief Compliance Officer were a couple listed. In 2016, wanted to have more of an impact on people's lives, which resulted in his move to Northern Michigan to open up a private practice. Took on criminal clients, worked as a public defender, worked with responding parents with abuse and neglect proceedings. His experience allows him the understanding to the other side of his prosecutor position. He stated that he has the most experience out of both candidates running for the August 4, 2020 Election. In 2018, he was appointed to the current prosecutor position by Judge William Fagerman. Proven record of success while he has been in office- filings and enforcement were increased until Covid. Missaukee County has had 5 trials, 4 in which he won. Supports second chance programs for non-violent offenders. Active with sobriety court programs. Top priority is fighting illegal drugs. Taken a tough stance with both meth and drinking, repeat drinking and driving offenses and repeat domestic violence offenses. Office is well run due to running </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>

a tight ship. Child support specialist within the office along with a victim's advocate, which not many offices do. He feels this is good for support of the community. Since he has been in office, he has dedicated 100% of his time and duties of his prosecution position without taking outside clients. In 2019, he has worked hard to follow local ordinances established against opening up of marijuana retail establishments. In 2020 when Covid hit, worked cooperatively with local businesses by sending out warning letters, but fortunately no legal action was necessary. He is a resident of Lake City and his daughter attends Northern Michigan Christian School. He believes that he has the vast majority of support from the community and the community leaders. He is supported by former Sherriff Jim Bosscher, prosecutor candidate Corey Wiggins out of Cadillac and Mc Bain Mayor Joey Roberts.

- **Mike Cool** – Reporting information on recent audit performed in May by Baird, Cotter and Bishop. Audit went fine, no issues within the audit report. Revenues came in at \$50,000.00 over expenses, which added approximately \$52,000.00 to the Fund balance. Concerns over what will happen with State shared revenue due to Covid pandemic. If Lake Township takes a 20% cut, that would be about \$50,000.00. If we lose that funding, we would be close to breaking even for the year. Fire Fund- we paid all of the millage cost, plus some extra throughout the year. Every 4-5 years, we need to put a little General Fund money into the Fire Fund money to keep Fire Fund balance above zero. Coming into past year, the Fire Fund balance was \$4,500.00 and we spent \$2,500.00 more than what we brought in, which dropped Fire Fund balance down to \$2,000.00. Recommends that we move approximately \$3,000.00 from the General Fund money into the Fire Fund money if costs from this year stay the same. Public Improvement Fund- accumulates resources for big projects within the township. This fund transferred \$18,000.00 of its own monies back into the General Fund this past year, which reduced the Public Improvement Fund balance by about \$17,000.00. If the State revenue sharing is cut, we should be ok, but we are in uncertain times. Sewer Fund- rates were raised, which were proven needed by the consultants and engineers. Generated revenues this past year, we need to keep a close eye on it, bring engineers in again to make sure that we are on track with any needed verifiable data for future rate increases. Long view projection is that the sludge will need to be removed from the ponds. Cost today is \$500,000.00 and in 20 years that price will increase.
- **Ed Nettle** – Introduction for Republican office for Sherriff. Stated that he thinks he is the better candidate. Certified law enforcement officer for over 20 years-majority with Missaukee County, currently the 911 coordinator for Missaukee County Sheriff's Office. Supervises the dispatch center by overseeing

police, fire and dispatch and all communications involved with that. In addition to law enforcement, he is also a fire fighter. He has been a fire fighter since he was 18 years old for the Merritt Area Fire Department. Currently in his 21<sup>st</sup> year as Fire Chief for the Merritt Area Fire Department. Attended many trainings along with becoming a state certified instructor and currently the chairperson for the county fire training funds. Oversees all state funding for firefighter training/courses. He is an EMT for Missaukee County EMS for 20 plus years. He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation resident of Missaukee County, lives by his parents, farms, raises horses and hay. Active in agriculture and has supported the Youth Show for many years. If he was elected Sherriff, he would step down from his position with the Merritt Area Fire Department due to allowance of time, importance and attention for his Sherriff duties. Graduated from Houghton Lake Community Schools. Graduated from Kirtland Community College with an Associate in Science degree, Bachelors in Criminal Justice from Lake Superior State University. EMS instructor, 47 years old, this position is not a retirement job for him, and not a one and done for him, he plans to hold this position long term. He has family in the community, Police Chief experience in the Village of Marion, Department Head experience as EMS Director with Osceola County and Roscommon County 911. He has managed multi-million dollar budgets and smaller Township budgets.

- **Bruce Rendon**- Here representing Daire Rendon who is currently in Lansing. Discussed State budget that is due from the Governor's office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. They were close to a balanced budget before the pandemic. Senate and House were almost balanced out and when the pandemic hit, we are in approximately a 6 billion dollar hole right now. Current budget right now is about 1.5 billion in the hole. Apologized for the economy shut down. Governor has not been eager to meet with Legislature. Constitution states that legislature sets the budget; the Governor has to agree and come together for balance by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully we can get through this process. Looking at a possible 10-30% cut of the budget and the Governor wanted the Federal Government to bail Michigan out. The longer the Governor waits, the harder it will be to pass a budget. The financial situation for the budget is similar to when Bruce first took office in 2011. Small businesses are the heart of our economy and this has been devastating.
- **Mimi Zwolak** – Lake Improvement Board lake survey was completed. Did not find starry stonewort, but did find a lot of milfoil. There will be a public hearing in August to address a 5 year plan.
- **John Beck** – Sapphire Lake had their lake inspection done on Monday, June 8, 2020. Very little milfoil was found. No starry stonewort.



<p>Ouwinga. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Ouwinga, Wolford. No-0. Absent-0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roads-</b> Lotan/Dickerson water flooding issue. Eric from Prien &amp; Newhof discussed a leveling tube at the Stiles residence, the large storage swamp on Dickerson and how the excess water needs to get to the Clam River. Presented the board with a water flow map. His recommendation was the need for a special assessment for the surrounding residents. Jack McGee stated that we do not have a drain commission for Missaukee County due to lack of funding. He agreed that the only way to get Drain Commission money would be to special assess. Lake Township did everything that they could do by renting a pump from AIS and digging trenches for better water flow to prevent more damage to residents. Kelly Bekken stated that no counties North of Clare have a drain commissioner. Deb Rozeveld wanted to assist the local residents that were affected by the water damages. She stated that Friends Ministry, local churches and organizations were willing to help.</li> </ul>	
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennings sign should be installed this week.</li> </ul>	
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Township truck needs a new engine soon. <b>MOTION</b> by Bradley to approve up to \$7000.00 for a new engine when needed. Seconded by Ouwinga. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Winkelmann, Wolford, Hall, Ouwinga, Bradley. No-0. Absent-0.</li> <li>• <b>MOTION</b> by Winkelmann to pay the Lake Township Clean-Up workers by Monday, June 15, 2020 up to \$2500.00 total payment for all working, monies to be used out of General Fund. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes – Wolford, Hall, Ouwinga, Bradley, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.</li> <li>• <b>MOTION</b> by Ouwinga to pay an estimate of \$2500.00 in Fire Department wages for the water issues on Lotan/Dickerson road. Seconded by Wolford. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Winkelmann, Hall, Ouwinga, Wolford. No-0. Absent-0.</li> <li>• <b>MOTION</b> by Winkelmann to approve up to \$3000.00 for a drop box on the Township Hall entrance window for ballots and various township payments. Senconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Ouwinga, Hall, Wolford, Bradley, Winkelmann. No- 0. Absent-0.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to purchase a new truck engine up to \$7000.00 when needed for the Township truck.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to pay up to \$2500.00 in payroll for Lake Township Clean-Up workers out of the General Fund.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to pay up to \$2500.00 for the Fire Department man hour wages for the Lotan/Dickerson water issue.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to spend up to \$3000.00 for a Township drop box at the entrance of building.</p>
<p>Motion by Wolford, seconded by Bradley to pay Sewer bills with</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay sewer bills</p>

addition. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes-Hall, Ouwinga, Winkelmann, Wolford, Bradley. No-0. Absent-0.	with addition.
Motion by Ouwinga, seconded by Wolford to pay township bills with addition. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes – Bradley, Winkelmann, Hall, Ouwinga, Wolford. No-0. Absent-0.	<b>MOTION</b> to pay township bills with addition.
Motion by Hall, seconded by Ouwinga to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.	<b>ADJOURNED</b>
_____ Korinda Winkelmann, Twp. Clerk                      _____ Date	Minutes taken by:
_____ Robert Hall, Twp. Supervisor                      _____ Date	
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