

LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
8105 W. KELLY ROAD, LAKE CITY, MI 49651

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Meeting called to order : 6:01 pm

Roll Call: Present: Bradley, Norman, Hall, Winkelmann, Ouwinga.

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss possible countywide road millage and special assessment for local roads.

Residents in attendance: 4 – Mimi Zwolak, Dave & Terri Christle, Tom Kopeck.

Items approved:

1. None.

General items of discussion:

Supervisor Hall discussed that when our local roads get an overlay the Township is responsible for 75% of the cost and the Road Commission pays 25% of the cost. If the roads receive a sealcoat it is a 50/50 split between the Township and the Road Commission. The residents and board were presented with: a passer road rating map which identified the condition of all roads within Lake Township, an annual treatment history report for roads within the Township, a Project history report that covered dates between 2003-current and a sheet showing taxable values and cost to residents if 1 mill was passed for a road millage, along with the generated cost of approximately \$189,938 in the first year (just Lake Township). Supervisor Hall stated that he would hope to sealcoat the needed roads to buy us some time. The Road Commission will most likely be adding a countywide millage to the next presidential ballot. If the Countywide millage were to pass, the Road Commission would only be distributing approximately \$300,000 every 5 years to Lake Township. It was also discussed that residents of Missaukee County would need the vote of Lake Township residents for the countywide millage to pass. We discussed the fairness of the bulk of funds coming from Lake Township taxpayers being distributed to all of Missaukee County roads rather than just keeping the funds in our own Township through our own millage or special assessment. It was also stated that some of these smaller townships cannot afford another millage as most are already supporting 1-2 mills currently. Zwolak brought up that maybe the Road Commission could do their millage and Lake Township add their own millage to the same ballot. We decided that we will continue to discuss the Township road concerns at our meetings and will hold a couple more public meetings so that our residents are aware of what we are faced with.

Adjourned: 6:25pm

Prepared by: Clerk, Korinda Winkelmann

Approved by: _____
Robert Hall, Supervisor

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