

<p style="text-align: center;">LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023 4:30 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;">Approved Minutes</p>
<p>Supervisor Hall called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll Call: Present – Clerk Winkelmann, Trustee Bradley, Supervisor Hall, Treasurer Ouwinga. Absent- Trustee Norman.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b> Roll Call</p>
<p>Moved by Bradley, seconded by Ouwinga to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 13 ,2023 as presented. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve regular meeting minutes of 9/13/23 as presented.</p>
<p>Treasurer’s report received for information.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b></p>
<p><b>Public Comments:</b> <b>Larry Geeseman-</b> Stated that he didn’t agree with the boards actions on the Goldenrod road end, wants the obstacles removed. No back lot owners were aware of this meeting. Questioned who will maintain it. There’s rocks there now completely blocking the road end. Wants the gravel back at the road end. There needs to be even grade the whole way down because there is a drop off at the end. Families use it to take their kids up and down in a wagon. Property owner is claiming that property as his own. <b>Supervisor Hall-</b>This is the second time that we have fixed that road end. The stones will come out, he was not aware of any stones put there. We had Lake Township maintenance and trustees from the jail place the black dirt, silt fence and grass seed to stop the erosion. Silt fence has to be there to protect the lake. <b>Clerk Winkelmann-</b> There was never a meeting specific to this road end, the resident at the access came in and requested the township to fix the erosion during public comment. <b>Ed Olsen-</b> Questioned the motion that we are selling the green road fire barn, where did the money come from to build that barn? Out of the General fund? If that is the case, the sale of that barn should go back into the general fund. We shouldn’t have used money out of the general fund because we already collect a half mil for the fire department. Why are we using general fund money to support the fire fund? You people should go back to the public and ask which way they want to go. If you take money from one fund for another, you have to pay that back. You can’t keep borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. If your going to build a building than that should come out</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>

of the fire fund. Are you going to pay back the general fund? **Kay Ouwinga**- Actually Ed, the Fire fund is a part of the General fund. If we are going to spend \$300,000 on a fire department, the townspeople should be able to vote on that. You are going to need more money or are you going to forget about repairing roads and all that other stuff to build a department. How can you spend more than a half mil to build a department? Let the people vote on a one mil increase. If the people want it, they can pay for it. Are you going to have meetings to let the public know what's going on? Why aren't the meetings at 7pm? It was a financial decision by the city to go to the other fire department. Questioned on how we would be able to operate a new fire facility on a half mil. and suggested that a fire millage should go on a ballot because it should be up to the people. Wanted to know why the township paid for the land next to the hall and why that didn't come out of the fire money. **Winkelman**- Right now the property was paid for out of the General fund. We received the check from the city and as of today, we just got a bank account set up for fire. It's going take a minute to get all of these ducks in a row, it'll be taken care of. Stated he was interested in being on the committee to build the new fire facility. Had other questions pertaining to the new facility that couldn't be answered right now due to this whole project being new. **Supervisor Hall**- We have \$39,000 into building the barn on Green road and that has already been paid back to the General fund when we received the check from the city for the Fire department money that was owed by the city. We will use the money generated from the Green road barn sale to use for a new building. We don't want to be left hanging without a place to store the fire trucks and the city has given us three months. They wouldn't approve any lease to us as of their meeting the other night. We needed to act, so we purchased the property next to the hall after a public meeting of residents not wanting the fire department at Green rd. It's possible we take out a low interest loan, we just don't know all the details yet. We aren't asking for any more money from the residents. We aren't the only township around who is having meetings at 4:30. We are keeping our meetings at 4:30.

**Tony Fedewa**- The city is going to have a special council meeting on Thursday night to get the lease of their building taken care of. Has gone to fire meetings and city council meetings. Think about the words you are using, "forcing it down our throats." That's inflammatory. The city didn't force anything down your throat, there's lots of funny politics going on. The city made a financial decision and now they are going to let you lease their building. Is there a committee for the fire barn? Would

like to be on the committee for the fire committee. It was like it happened yesterday, what happened 13 years ago. Granted two fire departments are going to happen. This fire barn location is a great idea. Suggested making an agreement for servicing sections 1, 2 & 12 with Missaukee dept. Elaborated on other townships and their sections and agreements. Stated when calling you need to state house fire, that way they all show up, you can't say something minor or only one dept will show up. Stated that emotion needs to be taken out of the game. Details in that contract may or may not have been well managed. City made a financial decision based on their citizens. **Supervisor Hall-** brought up the board members and that we will have to come up with committee members but wanted to wait until Randy Norman came back. Randy's whole career in Cadillac was involved with fire. Residents didn't think that Green road would be a good fit. Green road is a cold storage barn. We have to keep moving forward. The property wasn't for sale, but we had a chance to buy it, we had a special meeting. The board made a good decision with purchasing that property and we decided to list Green road barn.

**Chick Bricker-** Can you elaborate on the grant received for Helmer Park? He has been hearing that we have to share it with other townships, that we didn't get it all. What about the sewer through there? **Supervisor Hall-** We applied for a million dollar Spark grant for Helmer Park in Jennings. We didn't get it the first round, there's no match money. The second round was awarded two days ago. We are one of 16 that got the grant and we are one of two that received the million dollars. We don't have to split or share with anyone and the engineering costs are included in the grant, so there is no out of pocket money going into this. Contract coming from DNR in about a month then soil borings, boundary survey and a topo survey on land and start designing. There is no way to get it done in 2024, actual groundbreaking will begin in 2025. As far as the sewer, it is something that needs looked into, but the problem is that Andersen Trail is all private property.

**Pam Hill-** Is this the same grant that will involve Leon Sundell property? **Supervisor Hall-** No, that is a different grant. County received 500,000 for blight and have 130,000 left for that from the auto parts store project. He has a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> for that. Last meeting, engineers thought that we should go to the competitive round with the state and see if we can get it funded that way. Hopes would be to purchase the property and tear the trailer down. The only stipulation with that grant is that you cannot sell the property for 20 years. If we got it, that area would become part of the park in Jennings. Will

<p>know more on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have a public meeting before moving forward with the park and engineers.</p>	
<p>Correspondence:</p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>
<p>Committee Reports:  <b>Fire</b> –Presented with bills from Trustee Bradley that were not approved at the city council meeting. Two bills date back to January 2023 and one December 2022. Lake Township doesn’t want to lose those vendors. Total amount for 5 invoices is \$4464.56. <b>MOTION</b> by Ouwinga to pay \$4464.56 in fire bills out of the General fund and the City will reimburse Lake Township out of the fire account money. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Ouwinga. No-0. Absent- Norman.  <b>Fire cont.-</b> Payroll was approved. Lake Township will receive 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of what is left in the fire bank account. Current fire committee is Sam, Randy, Carol, Rob, Mimi and 4 firefighters. When Randy gets back we will decide if we keep the committee and have an advisory board or have both.  <b>Roads</b>-Kelly Road still not paved, called off due to rain. Not sure if it will be paved this year. <b>Ed Olsen</b>- requested that LaChance and Round Lake Road be looked at. Public meeting at a later date to discuss road millage that will go on ballot.  <b>Sewer</b>- Had advisory meeting on Monday. Dan and Al’s truck need repairs. Ponds at 4ft 1inch, rigs are winterized. Dan will be off for the winter- Oct 31 – April 1<sup>st</sup>. Consider items for budget next year- chain ball, contracting some of the manholes that are buried that need risers, change out pumps on lift stations and having some inventory onsite at the plant so they don’t have to leave and go buy something like gloves every time they need them. Bruce will need a phone, advisory discussed reimbursement of some funds for Bruce personal phone.</p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>  <b>FIRE</b>  <b>MOTION</b> to pay fire invoices out of general fund in the amount of \$4464.56 and the city will reimburse out of fire account.   <b>ROADS</b>   <b>SEWER</b></p>
<p>Unfinished Business-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lease Agreement Cherry Capital- Tim Maylone explained the project of small shed installation for fiber and the changes made by Township attorney to the original lease that was presented to the board. Tim stated that they were in agreement to the attorney’s changes. <b>MOVED</b> by Ouwinga to accept the updated lease agreement with Cherry Capital Communications. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>. Roll Call: Yes- Winkelmann, Hall, Bradley, Ouwinga. No-0. Absent- Norman.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the updated lease agreement with Cherry Capital Communications.</p>

New Business-

- Solar Ordinance- Amended Ordinance read aloud by Supervisor Hall. **MOVED** by Winkelmann to approve Ordinance #25 Solar Energy Facilities Licensing and Regulation Ordinance and to rescind Ordinance #24 Solar Energy Facilities Licensing and Regulation Ordinance. Seconded by Ouwinga. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Bradley, Ouwinga, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent- Norman.
- Discussion of Progressive and PLM companies who are involved with the treatment of lake Missaukee. There is confusion on who is paying some of the bills, whether that is lake Township or Missaukee County. Supervisor Hall to look into.
- Delinquent sewer amounts- **MOTION** by Bradley to turn over \$24,089.18 to the County in delinquent sewer amounts for Lake Township for tax collection.
- Discussed the Township maintenance truck and that it quit working and needed towed to Northern Auto Lab for repair. Quote for new engine received in the amount of \$7960.67. **MOVED** by Winkelmann to accept quote from Northern Auto Lab to repair the township truck Seconded by Ouwinga. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Ouwinga, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent- Norman.
- Fire Department is doing Halloween at the LC School and the school would like a copy of insurance certificate. **MOVED** by Ouwinga to provide Lake City Schools with a Fire Dept insurance certificate. Seconded by Bradley. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- Discussed dead trees at the end of Sweetbriar on Railroad Street. No property owner involved, contacted by a resident. Townships job to take care of. **MOVED** by Ouwinga to hire Joe's tree service in the amount of \$1800.00 to remove the dead trees on Railroad Street. Seconded by Winkelmann. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Ouwinga, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent- Norman.

**MOTION** to approve Ordinance #25 and to rescind Ordinance #24 both Solar Energy Facilities Licensing and Regulation ordinances.

**MOTION** to turn over \$24,089.18 in Lake Township delinquent sewer amounts to Missaukee County for tax collection.

**MOTION** to accept quote from Northern Auto for truck engine in the amount of \$7960.67.

**MOTION** to provide Lake City Schools with an insurance certificate for the Fire Department for their annual Halloween event.

**MOTION** to hire Joe's Tree Service in the amount of \$1800.00 to remove dead trees from Railroad street.

**MOTION** by Bradley, Seconded by Ouwinga to pay the Sewer bills with addition. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Winkelmann, Hall, Ouwinga, Bradley. No-0. Absent- Norman.

**MOTION** to pay sewer bills as with addition.

<b>MOTION</b> by Ouwinga to pay township bills with addition. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Ouwinga. No-0. Absent-Norman.	<b>MOTION</b> to pay township bills with addition.
Motion by Hall, seconded by Ouwinga to adjourn. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.	<b>ADJOURNED</b>
_____ Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk                      Date	Minutes prepared by: Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk
_____ Robert Hall, Twp. Supervisor                                      Date	
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