

<p style="text-align: center;">LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024, 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 Norman, Supervisor Hall, Treasurer Ouwinga, Trustee Bradley.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b> Roll Call</p>
<p>Moved by Bradley, seconded by Norman to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2024, as presented. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve regular meeting minutes of 1/10/24 as presented.</p>
<p>Treasurer’s report received for information.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b></p>
<p><b>Public Comments:</b> <b>Bonnie Silver-</b> Proposed to put a loons nest in Crooked Lake. Would like to follow the model Sapphire Lake used back in 2020. Need permits, signs, bouies, nesting materials and money. Requested for an estimated \$2218.14 for the project. Supervisor Hall discussed looking over the bouies that we have here at the township to see if they are in good condition for this project before purchasing bouies. <b>MOTION</b> by Ouwinga to spend up to \$2300.00 out of Lake Enhancement Fund for the loons nest project on Crooked Lake. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Winkelmann, Hall, Bradley, Norman, Ouwinga. No-0. Absent-0. <b>Pam Hill-</b> Asked if there was anything that could be done about the excessive lilly pads in Crooked Lake, can any be removed? Supervisor Hall stated most likely not, but would have to check with the DEQ. <b>Chick Bricker-</b> Asked if there was plumbing in the little house (museum) in Jennings. No. Stated that the work to the house that has been done looks good.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to spend up to \$2300.00 out of Lake Enhancement fund for a loons nest in Crooked Lake.</p>
<p>Correspondence: Concerns from residents down at the Goldenrod road end. Neighbor directly next to road end on the lake side wants all docks and hoists removed. Supervisor Hall received a letter from homeowners attorney. Letter received has been turned over to Township attorney for him to communicate with homeowners attorney.</p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	

**FIRE-** Last meeting 2/12/24. Minutes from 1/8/24 were approved. Received bids to purchase 1-800Mhz and 1-vhf radio, and to reprogram current radios. New radios \$3,113.12, reprogramming \$530.00. E-61 power steering leak fixed. Polo shirts ordered for fire department. New checklist for maintenance schedule. Update given on grant application for SCBA's. Norman gave update on new fire hall project. Changes made to original plan, back and forth with architect for approval. Obtaining bids for excavation. Bids presented for new turn out gear. When Green rd facility is set for fob entry, State Police will need a fob for filling air tanks. Financial reports were provided. Chief handed out run reports for the month. 4 fire fighters are taking the FF1 training. Walter Hunt retiring out of Merritt Fire after 66 years of service. Chief recommended new turn out and submitted for free turnout.

Public Comment from 2/12 meeting: Tony Fedewa-since the fire barn is at a different location, north side of lake homes are outside of the 5 mile radius and questioned who's fire is it and who will respond and who will be in command? He is referring to the ISO map that insurance companies go off of. Response- Lake Township, mutual aid covers and dispatch tones.

**TABLED-** New radio quote of \$3113.12.

**MOTION** by Winkelmann to accept the fire gear quotes from Otec and Phoenix up to \$14,300.00. Seconded by Norman. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Ouwinga, Hall, Bradley, Norman, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.

#### **ROADS-**

Received quote from Road Commission for Lotan road. Township portion for repair would be \$17,000.00.

**TABLED-** Lotan rd repair. Will invite road commission to meeting for explanation.

#### **SEWER-**

Last meeting 2/12/24. B. Sparks handed out and went over monthly report. Discussed 2024-25 budget. Multiple miss digs from Cherry Capital doing work throughout the township. Some were re-submitted due to lapsed time. DMR's submitted Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and waiting on results. Dan would like to return in March from seasonal layoff. Winter plowing report to be submitted to township for building and grounds before end of fiscal year. Letters sent out to all Missaukee Drain users to explain billing adjustments. Found 5 more units that needed added to billing. Master list needs a couple of updates. Bruce and Kay to work on this week.

Committee recommended a 7% increase per sewer user unit. Crooked Lake Campground will increase from 4 units to 12. Consideration to the dump station for non-campers, showers, restrooms in comparison to other parks. Increase a home in Schneider Park that has 3

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**MOTION** to accept quotes from Otec and Phoenix up to \$14,300.00 for fire gear.

#### **ROADS**

**TABLED-** Lotan road repair.

homes on 1 unit. Increase for one unit per house. List received from Bruce regarding prioritization of items for consideration on new budget. Listed more urgent items as #1. Total list was \$67,249.00.

With a 7% increase in user fees it will increase the fees to \$38.37 per year with a per quarter increase of \$9.59. Totals an increase in revenue of \$30,214.82.

**MOVED** by Ouwinga to increase the sewer user rates by 7% starting April 1, 2024. Seconded by Bradley.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Norman, Bradley, Ouwinga. No-0. Absent -0.

Board discussion of discrepancies in Alan Gray's timesheet according to the new GPS system. Al submitted an amended timesheet.

**MOTION** to increase sewer user rates by 7% effective April 1, 2024.

Unfinished Business-

Retirement letter received from Treasurer Ouwinga.

**MOTION** by Bradley to accept Kay Ouwinga's resignation letter and appoint Becky Gaines as Treasurer beginning April 1, 2024. Seconded by Norman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Intergovernmental Agreement between Lake Township and Missaukee County regarding the transfer and care of Historical Artifacts read aloud by Clerk Winkelmann.

**MOVED** by Norman to accept the Intergovernmental agreement between Lake Township and Missaukee County regarding the historical artifacts of Missaukee County. Seconded by Winkelmann. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Ouwinga, Hall, Winkelmann, Norman. No-0, Absent-0.

**MOTION** to accept Treasurer Ouwinga's resignation letter and appoint Becky Gaines as Treasurer beginning April 1, 2024.

**MOTION** to accept the Intergovernmental agreement between Lake Township and Missaukee County regarding historical artifacts.

New Business-

Missaukee Humane Society Contract for 2024, Missaukee County Chamber of Commerce Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North contract received. **TABLED.**

Budget Meeting 2023-24 date set for March 20, 2024 following re-scheduled regular meeting at 4:30pm.

**Moved** by Winkelmann, Seconded by Ouwinga.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Hall, Bradley, Ouwinga, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.

Prein & Newhoff Professional Services agreement 2024 presented. **MOVED** by Norman to accept the professional services agreement for 2024 with Prein and Newhoff for fee schedule and hourly billing. Seconded by Bradley. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Ouwinga, Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Norman. No-0. Absent-0.

Network Equipment quote presented from All Pro totaling \$1055.00. **MOVED** by Winkelmann to accept the equipment quote from All Pro. Seconded by Bradley.

**TABLED-** 2024 Contracts for Missaukee Humane Society and Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North pending new fiscal year.

**MOTION** to re-schedule regular monthly board meeting from March 13<sup>th</sup> and move to March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with the Budget meeting to follow.

**MOTION** to accept Professional Services Agreement with Prein & Newhoff for 2024.

**MOTION** to approve \$1055.00 in network equipment from All Pro.

MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Hall, Ouwinga, Bradley, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.	
<b>MOTION</b> by Bradley, Seconded by Norman to pay the Sewer bills with addition. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Winkelmann, Ouwinga, Hall, Norman, Bradley. No-0. Absent- 0.	<b>MOTION</b> to pay sewer bills with addition.
<b>MOTION</b> by Norman to pay township bills with addition. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Hall, Winkelmann, Ouwinga, Bradley, Norman. No-0. Absent- 0.	<b>MOTION</b> to pay township bills with addition.
Motion by Hall, seconded by Ouwinga to adjourn. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Meeting adjourned at 6:14 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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