

**Lake Township-Roscommon County  
Regular Meeting  
February 14, 2017**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 for a regular meeting. Stan Christler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

**Present:** Stan Christler-Supervisor, Harry Trier-Treasurer, Tonya Clare-Clerk, Dave Emmons-Trustee,  
Absent-Roger Kohn-Trustee

**Motion:** To approve the February 14, 2017 agenda. **Motion** made by Trier. **Second:** Emmons **All in Favor.**

**Motion:** To approve the January 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes made by Emmons **Second:** Trier **All in Favor.** with correction by Clare to separate motions to approve January 10, 2017 agenda and December 13, 2016 regular meeting. Also, correction to New Business,6.(2). 2017 Standard Mileage rate should be 0.530 cents per mile.

**Financial Report:** Trier presented the Treasurer's Report – Period ending January 31, 2017 and made it available to the public. Trier explained an adjustment between the trash fund and general fund. Trier added that he met with Chemical Bank regarding benefits of opening a savings account to transfer some money from the checking account, where it would be drawing more interest, FDIC insured. **Motion:** made by Christler to give permission to Trier to move \$200,000 from the checking account to a savings account. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.** Trier also revisited the Point & Pay plan to allow taxpayers to pay property taxes with a credit card. **Motion:** made by Trier to submit paperwork necessary to start the plan. **Second:** Emmons. **Favored:** Clare, **Opposed:** Christler, Kohn absent.

**Budget Amendments:** A proposed budget amendment report of expenditures and estimated revenues was submitted by Clare, suspecting more changes in the next month. **Motion:** Christler to approve the amendments. **Second:** Emmons. **All in Favor.**

**Approval to Pay the Bills:** Clare provided the public with the credit card distribution report as well as a report of all payroll and accounts payable checks, including descriptions, written since January 10, 2017. **Motion:** to approve to pay the bills (check # 40982 through 41030) made by Emmons. **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

**Fire Chief's Report:** Nettle provided a written report including an Incident Summary Review, Policy and Procedure Review, as well as a Service Call Summary report for 2016. In follow up to a question, Nettle referred to Section #7, which states the monies collected with the Cost Recovery Ordinance goes into the operating fund for the fire department's use. Nettle recommended the board approve the purchase of a set of used hydraulic extrication tools, "jaws of life" for \$10,000, in which he checked the cost of new would be around \$28,000. He noted that the wait time for extrications would be less at the accident scenes. **Motion:** Trier to allow the purchase of the "jaws of life" equipment. **Second:** Emmons. **All in favor.** Nettle has also requested bids for the purchase of 20 wildland firefighting jumpsuits, in which he will ask the board for final approval at the March meeting. Nettle announced his resignation as Lake Township fire chief as of March 31, 2017. The board decided that an ad will be placed in the newspaper.

**Land Use Officer's Report:** Olson reported that he currently has 3 new complaints, 1 complete, 2 open, with attorney, 0 Land Use Permits, 0 garage sale permits, and 61 miles reported for the month of January 2017.

**Planning Commission Report:** None. Christler announced that Nancy Hose has resigned from Planning Commission. An ad will be placed in the paper for her position.

**ZBA Report:** None

**Assessor's Report:** Houserman reported that he has been working on land analysis for 2017, and also getting ready for Board of Review meeting on March 14, 2017, 9am -3pm, and March 15, 2017, 3 pm–9pm at Lake Township Hall. Houserman stated that the Notice of Assessments will be mailed to property owners on February 24, 2017.

**Correspondence:** Christler received information regarding the placement of wireless network. Roscommon County will mostly handle this. Olson will obtain the information that they need.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Sat., June 3, 2017, 9am – 1pm at Roscommon County Road Commission, 820 E. West Branch Rd, Prudenville, MI.

**Supervisor's Report:** Christler reported on the meetings he attended this month. Townships met together to discuss the safety of pedestrians walking on the road. There was discussion of walkers wearing reflective vests, as well as the cost and distribution.

#### **Old Business:**

**Hall Rental Agreement—Emmons** wrote up an updated township hall rental agreement with a rate of \$75 per day, and a security deposit of \$150. **Motion:** Christler to implement the new hall rental agreement. **Second:** Clare. **All in favor.**

**Hall Maintenance person—Christler**—the board decided to place an ad for a maintenance person to clean the township hall at the rate of \$10/hour.

#### **New Business:**

**Board Meeting Minutes Posting in Resorter**--Clare has heard comments, good and bad, regarding the length and cost of the board meeting minutes. The board decided the notes should be shortened, and more summarized.

**Floor Cleaning**-Emmons will solicit bids for professional striping and cleaning of the township hall floor.

**Key inventory**—Emmons-the board decided the clerk should perform an inventory of keys that have been handed out.

**Budget**—Christler and Clare have been diligently working on the 2017 proposed budget. The township no longer funds a millage for operation of the township cemetery, nor for street light operation. The budget doesn't end until March 31, 2017. The final report will be submitted later.

**Social Host Responsibility**—Christler received a letter from Catholic Human Services, Up North Prevention, asking for support of the Social Host Awareness, in which adults are urged not to serve alcohol or drugs to minors. Christler declared the month of April for this drive.

**Election Training**—Clare suggested that Ryan go to election training, at no cost, given by the State of Michigan, to be able to work at elections. Board members are in favor.

**Poverty Exemption Resolution #17-04**—Clare reported that she retyped this Resolution, priorly voted on (5 ayes, 0 nays), and is in a formal format filed with the clerk's office.

**Wage resolutions**—Christler reminded board members that we are within the 30 day window of wage resolutions. Christler, Trier, and Clare stated that they are not asking for an increase. Emmons and Kohn reported at the January meeting that they are asking for \$100/month wage increase, which was voted on at that time. **Motion:** Christler to accept Trier's, Clare's, and his request for "no increase to wages". **Second:** Trier. **All in favor.**

**Vacation Rentals**—Christler-home owners are advertising online and renting out homes. We need to figure out how to deal with, and control this in our township.

**Public Comments:** Roscommon County police officers introduced themselves, asking if anyone had any questions or concerns. There was further discussion about pedestrians walking in the road.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Tonya Clare, Lake Township Clerk**

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*Subject to correction/approval*