

**Lake Township-Roscommon County  
Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The Lake Township Board met on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Roger Kohn-Trustee

**Motion:** To approve the September 12, 2017 agenda. **Motion** made by Emmons, **Second:** Trier. **All in Favor.**

**Motion:** To approve the August 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes made by Trier, **Second:** Clare. **All in Favor.**

**Financial Report:** H. Trier presented the Treasurer's Report – Period ending August 31, 2017 and made it available to the public. Trier reported that once again, the treasurer and clerk balance. Trier reported that he will be at Lake Township hall to collect property taxes on September 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Budget Amendments:** Clare presented budget amendments: to increase Land Use office supplies for \$500; \$690 for audit for township board; \$2500 for special assessment for Ford Ct.; and \$200 for Landfill Charges/Transfer Station.

**Motion:** Christler to accept budget amendments. **Second:** Emmons. **All in favor.**

**Approval to Pay the Bills:** T. 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 August 8, 2017. **Motion:** *To approve to pay the bills (check # 41301 thru 41343 made by Kohn, Second: Trier. All in Favor.*

**Fire Chief's Report:** Aldrich provided a written report including an Incident Summary Review, Policy and Procedure Review, and monthly expenditures.

**Land Use Officer's Report:** Olson reported that he currently has 9 new complaints, 4 open, 4 complaints with attorney, 11 Land Use Permits \$220, 2 garage sale \$4, \$300 site plan, attended 1 Planning Commission meeting, and 320 miles reported for the month of August 2017.

**Planning Commission Report:** MacKenzie reported that Wyskowski and Mikolaizik attended Roscommon County Planning Commission for Ordinance 9 changes approval, several members attended the Hot Topic meeting in Cadillac, and members watched a webcast training video and are working on "setback" wording. MacKenzie reminded of a public site plan meeting on September 20, 2017 @ noon.

**ZBA Report: None**

**Assessor's Report:** Christler received letter from the State Dept of Treasury congratulating the Township on obtaining a perfect score of 100% for meeting requirements of an AMAR Audit. Congratulations to Mike Houserman for his work. Houserman reported that he will be doing building permits inspections.

**Correspondence:** Township board received an invitation from Republic for Appreciation Day and a landfill tour. Board members also received training information from MTA on how to make board decisions around September 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>. A letter of resignation from Lake Township Board of Review was received from Dave Russo. Christler thanked Russo for his service. A letter was received in support of Tomma's project. A letter of complaint of the Planning Commission was also received.

**Supervisor's Report:** Christler reported on the meetings he attended this month. Christler expressed his gratitude to his wife, Beth, and Deputy, Tony, during his time as supervisor, thanked the residents, and board members. Christler feels he's leaving the township while in good shape. However, the board and township should continue to work together.

RTA meeting will be September 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Denton Township.

Houghton Lake Improvement Meeting is September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Township.

**Old Business:**

Retention Schedule—Emmons and others will start purging records with the help of CMU. Asking for any other help. Olson volunteered.

Contractor Refund—**Motion:** Trier to reimburse contractor for additional expenses incurred on a construction project for \$3,220 due to township mistake. **Second:** Kohn. **All in favor.**

**New Business:**

Voting Equipment Update—**Motion:** Clare to purchase extra voting equipment for a total of approximately \$900.

**Second:** Kohn. **All in favor.**

MTA on the Road—**Motion:** Christler for Clare and Trier to attend MTA training on Challenges facing Townships, Open Meetings Act, Writing & Adopting Effective Ordinances and Medical Marijuana on October 30, 2017 in Mt. Pleasant at the cost of \$131.00 each. **Second:** Emmons. **Motion carried.**

Ordinance changes—**Motion:** Kohn to approve changes to ordinances—number of members on the ZBA from five to three; “temporary structures shall meet all setback requirements and shall require a land use permit”; and “no earth berms shall be utilized to enhance in any way the fencing height (in R-1 only right now)”. **Second:** Emmons. **All in favor.**

Recycle issues discussion—Complaints have been received that the recycle bin is always full, but not full of recyclable items. People use it for trash. If need to remove bin and go to curbside pickup it would cost about \$48/year per household on top of the cost of trash pickup of \$93. Need ideas as to a solution.

BS&A training-Trier will need to produce tax bills as the county equalization is discontinuing tax services. **Motion:** Christler to send Trier and Deputy Treasurer to training October 2, 2017 for \$205 each. **Second:** Clare. **All in favor.**

Non-conforming lot splits—A resident read a statement in regards to people being allowed to split a 100 foot lot, creating two non-conforming, non-buildable 50 foot lots. Now a building is being built on a lot when a lot needs to be 60 feet to build on. Land use officer read Ordinance 33, section 5.e. Further discussion.

Supervisor-Meet and Greet—Five candidates for Supervisor, Renee Nichols, Jim Mikolaizik, Pete Klahn, Robyn Pillinger-Daniels, and Dave Emmons addressed the residents. The board will interview and/or appoint the new Supervisor.

**Public Comments:** Christler was thanked for his service by Dave Emmons and resident Dick Mayer, and was given a standing ovation.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Tonya Clare, Lake Township Clerk**

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*Subject to correction/approval*