

**MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Due to the Red Cross occupying Lake Charter Township Hall, with displaced apartment residents, after a fire, the meeting was moved to the Public Safety Building, 3619 West Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Gast at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Payne called the roll. Board members present were John Gast, Supervisor; Gloria Payne, Clerk; Robert Clark, Treasurer; Pat Heyn, Trustee; James Stine, Jr., Trustee; John Wilk, Trustee and Nancy Mensinger, Trustee.

GUESTS

Six visitors were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Gast asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The agenda stands as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 17, 2019

It was moved by Heyn seconded by Wilk to approve the September 17, 2019 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

After review of the September bills totaling \$488,809.12, it was moved by Clark seconded by Mensinger to approve the bills. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE PACKET

Lake Charter Township account balances for September 2019.

Township Voice

Michigan Townships Insights.

Letter from Otis and Wendy Lozeau thanking Harold Heyn for his service as Lake Charter Township's Fire Chief.

Third quarter revenue and expenditure report.

Supervisor's Report

Attached.

Clerk's Report

Attached.

Treasurer's Report

Attached.

Planning Commission Report

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting minutes are on file in the Township Hall offices.

Water Plant Report

Attached.

GRSD Sewer Authority Report

Galien River Sewer District Authority meeting minutes attached.

Police Department

Baroda-Lake Township Police Board meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019

Fire Department Report

Attached.

Park Committee Report

Attached.

Library Report

Trustee John Wilk introduced Dennis Kreps, the new Library Director.

Cemetery Committee Report

Attached.

Building Department Report

Attached.

Lake Township Economic Growth Alliance Report

Treasurer Clark reported the Holiday Village is scheduled for December 14, 2019 and a Winter Festival is being planned for February 8, 2020.

Medic One Report

Medic One meeting minutes attached.

Utility Committee Report

Attached.

Capital Improvement Report

No meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

The Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes are on file in the Township Hall offices.

AGENDA ITEMS

Amendment to Pre-65 Insurance Plan

Supervisor Gast brought before board members an amendment to the Pre-65 insurance plan. The amendment to include allowing the board to make a determination of health insurance coverage after forty years of service.

After discussion, it was decided to add the sentence “Employees with 40 or more years of service and age 64 will be eligible for up to one year of health care coverage with 100% paid by the Township for the employee only.”

It was moved by Payne seconded by Mensinger to amend the Pre-65 Insurance Plan. All ayes, motion carried. (A copy of the document attached).

Trick or Treat

Supervisor Gast, along with Shawn Martin, Baroda-Lake Township Chief of Police, suggested the Trick or Treat be set October 31, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This is in line with the City of Bridgman’s hours.

It was moved by Payne seconded by Gast to approve Trick or Treat for October 31, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal

Supervisor Gast brought before board members the options for the health care renewal from Kurt Buursma, Lake Charter Township’s health insurance agent. He presented three proposals. A renewal of our current Priority Health PPO for \$433,670.92; Blue Cross Blue Shield for \$425,481.36 and a proposed Priority Health Point of Service plan, with a \$2,300.00 Single/\$4,600.00/Family Health Savings Account for \$363,132.52. This is a \$54,000.00 reduction in premium over last year.

Even though the renewal carries a \$2,300.00 Single/\$4,600.00/Family deductible, the township will be paying the same as last year \$2,000.00 Single/\$4,000.00/Family into the HSA accounts. Discussion included that fact that the proposed Priority Health Point of Service plan is in the Cigna Network, which is a larger all-encompassing network. Employees submitted the names of their physicians to Kurt Buursma to be sure they were/are in the network. The township paying the same as last year \$2,000.00 Single/\$4,000.00/Family into the HSA accounts.

It was moved by Payne seconded by Clark to accept the proposed Priority Health Point of Service plan, with a \$2,300.00 Single/\$4,600.00 Family Health Savings Account for \$363,132.52, which renews November 1, 2019. The township paying the same as last year \$2,000.00 Single/\$4,000.00/Family into the HSA accounts.

All ayes, motion carried.

Liability Insurance Renewal

Supervisor Gast presented the quote from Dave Koop, of EMC Insurance Companies, Lake Charter Township’s liability insurance agent. The cost for 2020 is \$62,000.00 and renews November 1, 2019. He indicated that the only change to the policy were three new vehicles in 2018 and one vehicle in 2019.

It was moved by Payne seconded by Heyn to approve the quote of EMC Insurance Companies for \$62,000.00 for liability insurance for Lake Charter Township, renewing November 1, 2019 for the year 2020. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Library Director handed out his business cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township 2020 Budget Workshop's at Noon October 22, 2019 and October 29, 2019, Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Budget Workshop is November 5, 2019 at 12:00 Noon

Lake Charter Township Hall Offices will be closed Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further objection and no further business it was moved by Payne seconded by Stine to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor