

**Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting
December 2, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bill Geukes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were: Christin Rice, Haley Coulter, Chairman Bill Geukes, Nancy Mensinger, and John Dzienis

Zoning Administrator - Jim Gast
Township Board Member – John Wilk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes was made by: Haley Coulter; seconded by: John Dzienis; all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda, was made by: Christin Rice; seconded by: Haley Coulter; all ayes, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – Nancy Mensinger:

1. The Board approved the 2020 Meeting dates and office closing calendar.
2. Christopher Quattrin and Corey Kardow from the Berrien County Drain Commission, presented the Board with information on the replacement culvert on Holden Road between Snow and Browntown Roads. The Drain Commission received only one bid on this project from Burkholder for \$295,822.00. This project will begin in the spring of 2020, and will be shared with Baroda, Weesaw and Lake Townships. The balance will be shared over 7 years to the drain district.
3. The renewal agreement with the Community Growth Alliance was approved by the Board for \$10,000.00.
4. Republic/Reliable Waste Management contract for service will expire in April of 2020. The new price increase will be as follows:
 - a. 04/2020 - 03/2021 – trash \$12.58 per stop / monthly. Recycling \$4.22 per stop / monthly and dump ticket - \$25 per stop / monthly.
 - b. 04/2021 – 03/2022 – trash \$13.03 per stop / monthly. Recycling \$4.37 per stop / monthly and dump ticket - \$26 per stop / monthly.
 - c. 04/2022 – 03/2023 – trash \$13.48 per stop / monthly. Recycling \$4.52 per stop / monthly and dump ticket - \$27 per stop / monthly.Supervisor John Gast stated that a decision will not be made until closer to the renewal date.
5. Approved the appointments to the committees for 2020.
6. There is an opportunity for the Township to participate in the EPA Grant again. It applies to help with brownfield areas. The Board approved to try for round 2 for this grant.
7. Fire Department purchased imagers from Moses Fire Equipment for two refurbished demo models at a discounted price. The department was going to get new ones in 2020 but the demo units were offered at a lower price with a 3-year warranty for \$9,250.00 with Board approval
8. Police department purchased a digital speed sign that will be posted at different areas throughout Lake Township.
9. The Bridgman Holiday Event is on December 14, 2019.

ZBA REPORT – Nancy Mensinger

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2020.

Chairman Bill Geukes welcomed the public to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

Update on any ordinance issues by Jim Gast

Discussed John Dzienes' membership on the Planning Commission. Due to the fact that he is moving to the City of Bridgman, the question was as to whether he could remain on the commission. Jim Gast reviewed the Ordinance which states that One (1) member of the planning commission can be from outside Lake Township. The members agreed that they wished him to remain on the commission if he desired. John Dzienes expressed that he would be glad to stay.

Jim Gast apologized for not noticing the Public Hearing on the Medical & Elderly Hardship Conditions Ordinance for December. It will be rescheduled for January's meeting. Motion by Nancy Mensinger, seconded by John Dzienes was made to reschedule the public hearing for January 6, 2020. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment – opened at 7:30 p.m.

None

Closed at 7:31 p.m.

REVIEW ITEMS FOR January 6, 2019 MEETING

Medical & Elderly hardship Conditions Ordinance Public Hearing.
Election of officers for 2020.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn was made by Christin Rice, seconded by Hayley Coulter at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date