

**Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting  
December 3, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman John Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present were: John Murphy, Gaylord Rochefort, Nancy Mensinger, and William Geukes, and Christin Rice

Zoning Administrator Jim Gast was present.

Township Trustee John Wilk was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the November 5, 2018 minutes was made by William Geukes; seconded by: Gaylord Rochefort; all ayes, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT** – Nancy Mensinger reported:

1. Approved the MacAllister Cat maintenance agreement for the generators for another 3 years, for the 7 units at a cost of \$13,875.00. Which includes 4 visits per year and 2 filter changes.
2. The Decker Drain has a sink hole in the front of the property owned by Jerry Rhew on Red Arrow highway. Drain Commission Christopher Quattrin presented a resolution for the work to be done, estimated at \$15,000.00. This amount will exceeds the limit of cost the drain commission can spend. The work will be financed with a 2 year note so that the property owners are not taxed with the burden of this cost.
3. The Board approved the purchase of the Adam's property on Gast Road which is just north of the Township Park. It's a 6.8 acre lot. An offer was made for \$90,000.00 and the family accepted it.
4. The board approved a resolution to the investment policy; to add the Michigan Class and not to exceed an investment over \$500,000.00.
5. Water Plant:
  - a. Air compressor maintenance agreement – agreed to have Air Technologies perform service twice a year, for 1 year, from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019 at a cost of \$4,347.00.
  - b. Heaters in Plant 7 are not working. A quote from Andy Eager for \$66,495.00 to replace them was approved and will be taken out of the 2019 budget capital improvement account.
  - c. Utility Instrument Service Company performed calibration tests on all flow valves. Several need to be replaced. Seven differential pressure transmitters and six precision digital inputs. The Board approved the quote of \$25,205.00 for replacements.
6. Board approved the draft of the Township Building Use Policy, copies were provided to the Planning Commission members.
7. The Date and Snow Road water project was completed and final payments to B & Z for \$72,629.90 (which is below their bid by \$12,017.00), and to Merritt Engineering for \$14,968.00.
8. There were 2,132 Police calls. The department will also be receiving a new vehicle.
9. The Bridgman Holiday Village is on Saturday December 8, 2018 from 3 to 6 p.m.

10. There will be a recreational marijuana workshop held the first week in January 2019, more information to come.

**ZBA REPORT** – Nancy Mensinger

The November meeting was held there was nothing for the agenda. The next meeting will be on January 19, 2019

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Open for public comments at 7:11 p.m.

Jim Gast reported that the PUD Engineer contacted the Galien River Sanitation District (GRSD) to request a plan to hook up the sewer and water. This usually does not happen this way, the plan is given to the GRSD for review. Gaylord Rochefort asked about the PUD application process and does the Planning Commission have 7-days to review it.

Closed public comments 7:22 p.m.

**DISCUSSION - DECISION OF PLANNING COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Chairman John Murphy reminded the Planning Commission members of the joint Township Board, Planning Commission and Township Attorney Dienes upcoming meeting about the Marijuana bill the first week in January.
2. Chairman John Murphy asked Zoning Administrator Jim Gast if he had any word about what other townships were doing since the passing of the Marijuana bill by the State of Michigan. Jim Gast stated that he had heard from others that they wished they would have waited until the issue had passed before making any decisions. In Lake Township the proposal failed. He said the best thing to do was to wait till the meeting with the Attorney before speculating any further and be prepared with our questions.

**REVIEW ITEMS FOR JANUARY 7, 2019 MEETING**

None

**ADJOURN**

Adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Christin Rice - Secretary

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Date