

**Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting
April 2, 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, Christin Rice and William Geukes.

Township Trustee John Wilk attended.
Zoning Administrator Jim Gast also attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 5, 2018 minutes with changes to: Letter "C" motion the word "Apposed" to "Opposed" and number 2 motion Striking ~~four (4) ayes, one (1) opposed. Gaylord Rochefort opposed.~~ Changing the statement to: "All ayes, motion carried." Was made by Gaylord Rochefort; seconded by: William Geukes; all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – Nancy Mensinger reported:

1. The 2017 audit report was presented by Sara Moldey of Hungerford and Nichols. The audit went well and was clear and fair. The Township has 2 years of operating funds on hand.
2. Fire Department Report:
 - a. Re-banding of the 800 MHZ BDA amplifier which was outdated and needed upgrading. The board approved \$5,500.00 to have it upgraded by Tele-Rad
 - b. Cap and accessories for the new crew cab truck. The board approved \$3,684.00 to have Starlite do the installation.
 - c. New crew cab emergency lights and radio needed upgrading. The board approved \$6,067.00 to have it upgraded by Tele-Rad.
 - d. The 2018 slate of officers for the department was approved
 - i. Chief – Harold Heyn
 - ii. Assistant Chief – Dan Scheer
 - iii. Captain – Mike Essig
 - iv. Lieutenant – Andrew Daniel
 - v. Engineer – Jim Orr
 - vi. Safety Officer – Jim Hausmnn
 - vii. Fire Training Officer – Mike Essig
 - viii. Medical Training Adviser – Laura Hooker
3. Water Plant staffing. Advertising is required for the position of a new water plant operator by Summer with the separation of Gary Wilson. Also they will be looking for other operators to help cut the overtime of Jeff and Toban.
4. Approved the janitorial position as a contracted position with Nancy DeFreeze for \$750.00 per week.
5. Attorney services were approved to have Scott Dienes remain as the Township Attorney with the firm of Barnes and Thornburg in Grand Rapids. Attorney Dienes was previously with Foster Swift Collins and Smith.
6. Police Department: Officer John Hopkins was recognized by the FBI in his part with a drug arrest that resulted in the confiscation of 10 lbs. Of Mexican Ice (Meth) with the estimated street value of around 3 million dollars. The man was stopped for speeding. This arrest has helped with other arrests and investigations into drug rings. John also stopped another person and confiscated marijuana and \$38,634.00 in cash.

7. Other updates:

- a. Bridgman Citywide garage sale dates: May 18-19, 2018
- b. Fireman's pancake breakfast: June 10, 2018
- c. The Township backhoe was sold to Baroda Village for \$22,000.00
- d. Cook Nuclear Plant donated \$8,000.00 towards the Weko Beach Boat Ramp.

ZBA REPORT – Nancy Mensinger

ZBA Board was held on Thursday March 8, 2018 – there was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open for public comments at 7:20 p.m.

Zoning Administrator Jim Gast asked the members to consider reviewing Page 3-11 Swimming Pools 3.16 Letter "B". And stated the pools could be restricted due to parcel size constraints. He suggested considering the removal of the statement; "Swimming pools shall not be located within any front yard"

Closed public comments 7:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION - DECISION OF PLANNING COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATIONS

The members suggested the Jim Gast research Page 3-11 Swimming Pools 3.16 Letter "B" for the May 7, 2018 meeting.

REVIEW ITEMS FOR May 7, 2018 MEETING

Review of Swimming Pools possible revision on front yard restriction.

ADJOURN

Motion by Christin Rice, seconded by William Geukes to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date