

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2015

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Venturi at 7:00pm
- II. Roll call: In attendance, Supervisor Venturi, Trustee Beadle, Trustee McCollum, Trustee Berker, Trustee Stout, Clerk Smuda, Assessor Lee was in attendance.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Venturi
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on Aug 10, 2015 by Trustee Beadle, Seconded by Trustee McCollum. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Peacock Camp
 - i. Summer Camp update: Supervisor Venturi reported the last day for camp was on Friday, Aug 7, 2015, total campers for this was came to 62. Meet with the camp counselor to review this year's success and what can be done to improve summer camp for 2016. The consensus was to increase the number of campers, break them into five groups, 15 campers per group, two station counselor at all the stations, 1 counselors for every 10 campers. Will need to hire a few more counselors for next year. This year we net approximately 77K, after expenses 25K gross. Next year all counselors will be certified life guards. Joe Schimpf from the audience questioned why we are making a profit. Supervisor Venturi explained we are not trying to make a profit, the goal was to cover the cost of the property to make it a break even property for the township.
 - ii. Ropes course partnership District 117: High School District 117 uses the camp for their outdoor education, they would like to expand the use by building a High Ropes Course, climbing wall, low ropes challenges and a zip line. District 117 will cover the insurance cost. Original project cost came to approximately 65K, yearly certifications for the trainers will be done by the HS, and they will cover the cost of the construction. Joe Schrimpf questioned if this is going to be just a fade? Supervisor Venture explained it is not a fade, the high ropes and climbing walls have been at camp Henry Horner for over 20 years and other areas. Supervisor Venturi and the board discussed other uses and fees for the course. No action taken.
 - b. Dering Trail connection update: Bid are still out, two/three weeks before the start date.
 - c. Lake Villa Township Timberwolves proposal for kickoff event: Supervisor Venturi has not been notified if they will be sponsoring a kickoff since it would be a much smaller event this year.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding Lake Villa Township Timberwolves proposal for kickoff event: No action taken.
 - b. Discussion and possible action regarding cemetery improvements
 - i. Fence replacement proposals: Motion to approve Angola Cemetery fence replacement from Martens fencing in the amount of \$6,320.00 made by

Trustee Stout, Second by Trustee Berker. Roll Call, all ayes, motions passes.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Hicks Gas Water Softener purchase/lease. Motion to approve the water softener from Hicks Gas in the amount of \$144.00 a year by Trustee McCollum, Second by Trustee Beadle. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
- d. Lindenfest Parade August 15, 2015: Volunteers needed for the parade, line up time is 10am. This year's Grand Marshall is "Dorothy Thompson".
- e. Senior Lunch August 27, 2015: Volunteers needed

VII. Approve Payment of Bills

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding line item transfers: None
- b. Approve payment of current Town and Road district bills: Motion to approve the payment of the current Town and Road district bills by Trustee Stout, Second by Trustee McCollum. Roll Call, all ayes, motions passes.
- c. Approve payroll payments from last meeting: Motion to approve the payroll payments from last meeting by Trustee Beadle, Second by Trustee Berker. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

VIII. Public Comment: County Board Commissioner Tom Weber reported on the flooding, county is passing a "Flood Water Plan" for the homes on a flood plain, 1,044 homes would be affected. Lake County rating improved, home owners insurance rate should lower. Aug 27, 2015 tax meeting will be held at the west campus. Home owners Michael Romani, Jan Bergman and Joe Schimpf from Helen Drive, Lake Villa explained to the board the flooding issue in their area, questioned why improvements were made on higher roads before the lower roads and plans to re-do the pavement. Supervisor Venturi discussed the improvement plans for Helen Drive with the residence.

IX. Assessors Report: Assessor Lee reported the assessment notices were mailed, published early, some changes, some area's stayed the same, the market is finally turning around. Tax Appeal meeting will take place on Aug 27, 2015 @ 6:30pm.

X. Road Commissioners Report: None

XI. Supervisors Report: Township bus, a retired gentleman came in and offered to drive 2-3 days a week, he will have to take the Pace training before he would be able to drive for the township.

XII. Calendar Review

- a. Next meeting Tuesday September 14, 2015 7:00 pm

XIII. Closed Session: None

XIV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting by Trustee McCollum, Second by Trustee Stout. Meeting adjourn at 8:11pm

Minutes for the Aug 10, 2015 Lake Villa Township Regular Board Meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approve at the next regular board meeting on Monday, Sept 14, 2015 by Jean Smuda, Lake Villa Township Clerk.