

LELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 11, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Leland Township Library, Munnecke Room

203 E. Cedar Street, Leland, MI 49654

***Approved* MINUTES**

PRESENT: Supervisor Susan Och, Clerk Lisa Brookfield, Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Trustee Clint Mitchell, Trustee Mariann Kirch.

ABSENT: 0

GUESTS: 15

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Och called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CORRECTIONS: 1) Move Public Comment section to before the Consent Agenda and 2) add Item #6 – Raffle Resolution.

ACTION: Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended; supported by Ms. Garthe. Motion carried. (5,0)

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Mikowski - Mr. Mikowski presented his request to hold a referendum vote on the Leland Township Zoning Ordinance 96-1. He also asked the Board to correct a longstanding error denying a 17 ½ inch side yard setback variance. This is his 310th request. He gave a handout to the Board regarding his consensus.

John Watkins – He made comments on the noise coming from 100 feet from “commercial” property built in a residential area at Cemetery Point. There has been 7 days of power washing. He is requesting a noise ordinance. He feels that a noise and nuisance ordinance, similar to ones in Benzie County and Grand Traverse County, is long overdue. He offered to chair a committee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
June 2, 2022 (Workshop)
June 13, 2022 (Regular Meeting)
- EVENTS
August 5-7, 2022, Annual Barbecue
September 10, 2022, Lake Leelanau Street Fair

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to approve the Consent Agenda; supported by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried. (5,0).

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Fire & Rescue, Chief Dan Besson

A report is on file at the Leland Township Office and is also online.

There have been 214 calls to date. There were 49 calls in June. This is in line with recent years. The brush truck was sold for \$30,501 in a sealed bid. There was a ~~fuel spill~~ oil slick in the Harbor. A tree came down in Leland but there were no injuries. There was training for patient retrieval for North Transit Authority and NPS. There was also a Rope Rescue Course training.

Planning/Zoning, Tim Cypher

A report is on file at the Leland Township Office and is also online.

There was not a Planning Commission meeting this month. There may be a meeting in August.

It was a busy month – 10 land use permits (year to date, 33), 1 pending violation, 68 phone calls, 48 email inquiries. There will be a ZBA Annual Meeting and may be a ZBA hearing.

The response time for the ZA has been adjusted to 48 hours due to increased volume.

Comment on Metro Act Application - It is straightforward. It requires Board approval because of use of the road right of ways. There were no objections.

Harbor, Jeremy Anderson

There is a report on file. There have been some cancellations, but they have been filled

Sewer, Steve Patmore

A report is on file at the Leland Township Office and is online. The River Street gravity project was completed. Cellular Communication Systems are doing the alarms. There is a back-up generator at the Harbor. Past Leland outages required the use of mobile generators. The hydrogen sulfide project is up and running, and the treatment is effective. They will continue to October, eventually reducing the calcium nitrate. Maintenance and repair of the lagoon aerators is in progress. There have been lots of calls on the step pumps. IAI is fixing them as the calls come in. Reliability is increasing.

Parks & Rec

The July meeting was ~~cancelled~~ held in late June. The driveway at Hancock Field was filled by Cal Excavating. The basketball nets are up. The south baseball field was reseeded and they are removing the backstop. Pickleball nets at Hancock were discussed. More people can play. The Committee is getting organized with the park assessment and the rating system.

The name of this group will be referred to as a committee.

County Commission, Patricia Soutas-Little

There is a report on file. The County Commission meeting is livestreamed. The next meeting is July 12. Ms. Soutas-Little gave an update on broadband, meals on wheels, senior services, area aging, brownfield at Maple City crossing, and using TIF funds for non-profit development of affordable housing.

Recycling in Leland – They have increased pick-ups, 2 bins were added and moved to the north side of the property. Community members have volunteered to be ambassadors to help keep the sites clean. They may consider hiring someone to monitor the sites.

Broadband coverage is being expanded. Soon an online map for coverage will be on the county website.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Garthe reported on income and expenses for the last month.

ACTION: Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented; supported by Ms. Brookfield. Motion carried. (5,0)

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

A written report was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. It is on file at the Leland Township Office.

The Township received its PILT payment of \$18,316. The fire millage informational meeting was cancelled. There have been nuisance complaints at Clay Cliffs. Concerning parking, there have been road violations. There have been complaints about clear cutting at the Pine Street road ending. It was advised that the stakeholders contact the Leelanau County Road Commission.. A North Lake Street resident would like to see road improvements done. He was advised to contact the Leelanau County Road Commission.

There were comments on the Library Board meeting about the sea wall repair. Grants may need to be sought for this repair. The lifespan of the sea wall is nearing the recommended repair point.

ACTION ITEMS

1. BC/BS Renewal (Simply Blue PPO Gold \$1500) vs. Alternate Plan (Simply Blue HRA PPO Gold \$4000)

Kim Boyer from Ford Insurance presented possible policies for renewal; packages provided. The current plan vs. an HRA plan was discussed. In an HRA plan, the employees submit claims. The Township is required to set up the HRA fund.

ACTION: Mr. Mitchell moved to renew the existing policy; supported by Ms. Garthe. Motion carried. (5,0).

2. Resolution R-22-16, request for speed study on M22 between the 45th parallel sign and the beginning of the 35 MPH zone in Leland Village.

ACTION: Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Resolution R-22-16, request for speed study on M22 between the 45th parallel sign and the beginning of the 35 MPH zone in Leland Village; supported by Ms. Garthe.

VOICE ROLL CALL: (not necessarily called in this order)

Supervisor Susan Och:	Yes	
Clerk Lisa Brookfield:	Yes	
Treasurer Shirley Garthe:	Yes	
Trustee Clint Mitchell:	Yes	
Trustee Mariann Kirch:	Yes	Motion carried. 5 in favor, 0 opposed

The next step is to go to the Leelanau County Road Commission.

3. Identify Parks and Rec Committee

Ms. Kirsch has concerns about the name of the group being called a commission rather than a committee.

ACTION: Ms. Kirsch moved to identify Parks and Rec as a committee; supported by Ms. Garthe. Motion carried. (5,0)

4. Metro Act Application: Point Broadband

The intent is to install fiber optic service through the Township standard application.

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to approve the application; supported by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried. (5,0)

5. Authorize Supervisor Och to draft a Township Asset Management Policy.

A policy would define how to use our resources to best support services to residents, and outline the intent, the scope, principles, and responsibilities in the plan.

Mr. Mitchell stated that it doesn't require Board approval to draft a policy, as long as there isn't a cost to the TWP. Ms. Kirsch asked about needed funds to draft a policy.

6. Resolution for Raffle for charitable gaming licenses.

The Leelanau Historical Museum would like to host a raffle. A resolution is required for a raffle to be held.

ACTION: The form for the resolution was filled out with Mr. Mitchell moving for the resolution and Ms. Garthe supporting the resolution.

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Supervisor Susan Och:	Yes	
Clerk Lisa Brookfield:	Yes	
Treasurer Shirley Garthe:	Yes	
Trustee Clint Mitchell:	Yes	
Trustee Mariann Kirch:	Yes	Motion carried. 5 in favor, 0 opposed

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS - None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

The bills and accounts lists were distributed to Board members. There was nothing unusual for the month.

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved for payment of bills from June 14, 2022 to July 11, 2022; supported by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried. (5, 0)

CORRESPONDENCE

- There was correspondence about language being drafted for signs recognizing First Nation people.
- Correspondence about the memorial sign for Dennis Coburn at the Provemont Cycling trail.

BOARD COMMENT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Atkinson – The Board can write a parking ordinance. They have the authority to close parking.

Tony Borden – He would like to talk about the delays on the Sunset Shores project. Why isn't the State giving an idea of when permitting will take place. These are highly unusual requirement for permitting. They shouldn't have to buy property before permitting.

Steve Mikowski – He cited another sewer project that took a long time to move along. The sidewalk in Lake Leelanau needs more work. It is a liability for the Township. There is a speed limit in Lake Leelanau. There are cars speeding on M204 near St. Joseph Street. Fiber already exists in Lake Leelanau. He asked if the Township offices could be financed by charitable means?

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Mr. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.; supported by Ms. Garthe. Motion carried. (5,0)

The next meeting is August 8, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor

Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk