

**LEELANAU TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINTUES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020  
119 E. NAGONABA ST.  
NORTHPORT, MI 49670**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
SCRIPPS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE SCRIPPS, DIAZ, FREDRICKSON, AND LEIGHTON AND DUNN. THERE WERE 2 EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE AS WELL AND 26 CITIZENS VIA ZOOM.
- II. SET AGENDA**  
**MOTION MADE BY DUNN, SECONDED BY FREDRICKSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
NONE WAS HEARD
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS**  
**A. APPROVAL OF APRIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
DUNN STATED SHE HAD SOME GRAMATICAL CORRECTIONS BUT NOTHING THAT CHANGED THE CONTEXT OF THE MINUTES.  
**MOTION MADE BY DUNN, SECONDED BY LEIGHTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**
- B. APPROVAL OF JUNE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MOTION MADE BY DUNN, SECONDED BY FREDRICKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**
- C. APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID IN JULY (ALREADY PAID)**  
DIAZ PROVIDED THE BOARD MEMBERS WITH COPIES OF THE TWO CHECK RUNS DONE IN JULY WITH A FINAL TOTAL OF \$82,711.92 PAID IN MONTH OF JULY.  
**MOTION MADE BY DUNN, SECONDED BY FREDRICKSON TO RETROACTIVLEY APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,711.92 PAID IN JULY. MOTION PASSED 5 – 0.**
- D. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR AUGUST**  
DIAZ STATED THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST WERE PRETTY STANDARD BUT THERE WERE A FEW LARGER ONES DUE TO THE POLICE OFFICERS SALARY WHICH GETS PAID TO THE COUNTY QUARTERLY ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT DUE TO MACHIN ENGINEERING FOR CHRISTMAS COVE PLANS.  
**MOTION MADE BY DUNN, SECONDED BY LEIGHTON TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR AUGUST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,285.57. MOTION PASSED 5 – 0.**

**V. REPORTS**

**A. LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT- RYAN LOTT**

LOTT STATED IT'S BEEN A PRETTY QUIET SUMMER AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR ISSUES FOR HIM IN THE VILLAGE OR THE TOWNSHIP. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED TO THE BOARD THAT HE WILL BE LEAVING IN MARCH FOR A DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENT BUT WILL STILL BE WORKING FOR THE LEELANAU SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LEIGHTON ASKED IF HE COULD BE PRESENT AND IN THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION AS THERE HAD BEEN AN INCIDENT THE WEEK BEFORE AT THE ELECTION. HE SAID HE WOULD REQUEST HIS SCHEDULE BE CHANGED SO THAT HE CAN BE IN THE TOWNSHIP THE NIGHT OF THE ELECTION.

**B. LEELANAU COUNTY COMMISSIONERS- TY WESSELL**

WESSELL SAID THEY HAD SPENT A LOT OF THEIR TIME ON ROAD COMMISSION ISSUES AND THEY TALKED ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT OF TOM ECKERLE. THEY ALSO HAD A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON RACISM AND DISCUSSED THEIR 2021 BUDGET AND THE COUNTIES PLANS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT. THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT EXTENDING AND RAISING SOME OF THE TOWERS IN THE COUNTY.

**C. EMERGENCY SERVICES – HUGH COOK**

COOK WAS ABSENT BUT PROVIDED A REPORT FOR THE BOARD WHICH WAS ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

**D. PLANNING COMMISSION- GALEN LEIGHTON**

LEIGHTON LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT THEY HAVE A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING PLANNED FOR AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 P.M. AND TIMBER SHORES IS ON THE AGENDA FOR THAT NIGHT.

**E. FACILITES MANAGER- BEN PURDY**

PURDY WAS ABSENT AS HE IS ON A TRIP WITH HIS FAMILY.

**F. LIBRARY MANAGER – CORA SCHAEFF**

CORA LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY OPEN AND IN BUSINESS SINCE JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> AND THEY HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT FOR \$1,500 WHICH A PORTION OF IT IS GOING TO BE USED TO UPGRADE THEIR WIRELESS CONNECTION SERVICE AND WOULD LIKE THE TOWNSHIP TO DO THE SAME SO THAT THE REACH IS LONGER FOR PEOPLE WHO COME TO USE THE WIFI AFTER HOURS.

**VI. ACTION ITEM(S)**

**A. NORTHPORT VISITORS CENTER AGREEMENT**

DIAZ EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONFUSION AT THE JUNE MEETING SINCE SCRIPPS HAD REFERRED TO THE AGREEMENT A COUPLE OF TIMES AS THE LTCF AS HAD SHE SO THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT SIGNED AND WAS TABLED TILL AUGUST. DIAZ EXPLAINED THAT IN TALKING WITH DUNN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE VISITORS CENTER IS SOMETHING THEY'VE DONE EVERY YEAR FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND COSTS ARE SPLIT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE CENTERS PRINTING AND PUBLISHING. **MOTION MADE BY DIAZ, SECONDED BY DUNN TO APPROVE THE NORTHPORT VISITOR CENTER'S REQUEST FOR UP TO \$1,200 FOR PARTIAL SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR 2020.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DUNN- YAE**

**LEIGHTON – YAE**

**FREDRICKSON – YAE**

**DIAZ – YAE**

**SCRIPPS – YAE**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**B. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR EXTRA ELECTION WORKERS AT POLLS – MONICA**

DIAZ EXPLAINED THE EXTRA WORKERS DID AN EXCELLENT JOB CLEANING DURING THE ELECTION AS THE PEOPLE COMING INTO VOTE WERE COMPLEMENTING ON WHAT A GREAT JOB THEY WERE DOING SANITIZING EVERYTHING.

**MOTION MADE BY FREDRICKSON, SECONDED BY DUNN THAT THE LEELANAU TOWNSHIP BOARD SUPPORT THE PAYMENT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS NECESSATED BY THE CORONAVIRUS MANDATES IN THE ELECTION OF AUGUST 4, 2020 AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$16.30/HR.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DUNN- YAE**

**LEIGHTON – YAE**

**FREDRICKSON – YAE**

**DIAZ – YAE**

**SCRIPPS – YAE**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**C. CONSUMERS ENERGY PROPOSAL – CURTIS HANSEN & KEITH MOORE**

CONSUMERS IS GOING TO DO SOME WORK ON GILLS PIER ROAD BUT THEY NEED AN ENDORSEMENT OF APPROVAL FROM THE TOWNSHIP IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PERMIT FOR THE WORK FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION. THE LONG TERM SOLUTION IS TO MOVE FROM OVER HEAD WIRING TO UNDERGROUND.

**MOTION MADE BY FREDRICKSON, SECONDED BY DUNN TO ENDORSE THE CONSUMERS ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS ON GILLS PIER ROAD.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DUNN – YAE**

**LEIGHTON – YAE**

**FREDRICKSON – YAE**

**DIAZ – YAE**

**SCRIPPS – YAE**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**D. HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM DOTTY BROWN**

SCRIPPS MENTIONED TO THE BOARD THAT A FEW OF USE ALONG WITH HARMES AND COOK HAD MET WITH DOTTIE PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING TO GO OVER OUR HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS AND OUR CURRENT PLAN WAS THE MOST FESABLE IN COMPARISON TO THE OTHER PROVIDERS EVEN WITH A 4.59% INCREASE TO THE PLAN.

**MOTION MADE BY DUNN, SECONDED BY LEIGHTON THAT THE LEELANAU TOWNSHIP BOARD ADOPTS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES THE HEALTH CARE PLAN WITH PRIORITY HEALTH THAT CONTINUES THE COVERAGE NOW IN EFFECT, AT AN AGGREGATE INCREASE IN COST OF 4.59%.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DUNN – YAE**

**LEIGHTON – YAE**

**FREDRICKSON – YAE**

**DIAZ – YAE**

**SCRIPPS –YAE**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**E. NEW INSURER PROPOSAL**

SCRIPPS EXPLAINED THAT THE BOARD IS NOT AT ALL HAPPY WITH TOKYO MARINES RESPONSE TO RECOVERING LEGAL COSTS AND WE FEEL THAT OUR CURRENT PROVIDER JUST ISN'T PROVIDING SERVICES FOR US WHICH IN OUR CONTRACT CLEARLY STATES IT WILL DO.

**MOTION MADE BY DIAZ, SECONDED BY DUNN THAT THE LEELANAU TOWNSHIP BOARD AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO INVESTIGATE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE ENTIRE TOWNSHIP WITH GEOFF LANSKY OF THE HARTLEB AGENCY, AS RECOMMENDED BY ATTORNEY SETH KOCHES.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DUNN –YAE**

**LEIGHTON – YAE**

**FREDRICKSON –YAE**

**DIAZ – YAE**

**SCRIPPS – YAE**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**F. SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE-**

DIAZ COMMENTED THAT SHE FELT THE SHORT TERM ORDINANCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT ON LAST NIGHTS AGENDA UNDER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND NOT ACTION ITEMS AND WE WERE NOT AWARE THAT WE WOULD BE ACTING ON IT AND BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF CITIZENS WHO ATTENDED THE LAST MEETING SHE FELT MORE OF THE PUBLIC NEEDED TO KNOW IT WAS GOING TO BE ON THE AGENDA BECAUSE THERE WAS SO MUCH PUBLIC COMMENT, CONCERNS AND INTEREST THE LAST TIME IS WAS DISCUSSED. DUNN ALSO AGREED WITH NOT TAKING ACTION ON THE ISSUE AT THE MEETING.

**MOTION MADE BY DUNN, SECONDED BY FREDRICKSON TO TABLE THE SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DUNN- YAE**

**LEIGHTON – YAE**

**FREDRICKSON –YAE**

**DIAZ- YAE**

**SCRIPPS – YAE**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**G. RESOLUTION FROM NLTUA**

DUNN STATED THAT THE OLD ARTICLES WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD HAD BEEN CHANGED FROM THE CURRENT ONES GIVEN TO THE BOARD FOR THE CURRENT BOARD MEETING. THE NEW RESOLUTION GIVES POWER TO ANYONE TO BE ABLE TO SIGN CHECKS WITHOUT IT BEING SOMEONE ON THE NLTUA BOARD.

**MOTION MADE BY SCRIPPS, SECONDED BY DUNN TO AMEND THE NLTUA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AS PRESENTED.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DUNN- NAE**

**LEIGHTON – NAE**

**FREDRICKSON –NAE**

**DIAZ – NAE**

**SCRIPPS – NAE**

**MOTION FAILED 0-5.**

**H. APPROVAL OF LOT SPLIT**

STEVE EXPLAINED THAT LOT 228 WAS GOING TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN 227 & 229

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2020**

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEELANAU TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2020  
**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT- SECOND – LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES MAXIMUM**

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

**ADJOURN**