

**BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2013**  
**1491 Owasippe Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457**

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

Present: Melonie Arbogast, Lisa Knop, Lyle Monette, Don Studaven, Debbie Therrian

Minutes of April 8, 2013 regular board meeting approved. Motion by Lyle, supported by Lisa. Passed on voice vote.

**Perfection of the agenda:**

Comments by Lyle Monette added to Agenda Items above a.

Letter c. Senior Center Contract under Agenda Items removed.

Letters a., b., and d. under Agenda Items – change from Resolutions to Documents.

Letter d. Grounds Keeping Trailer under Agenda Items changed to Doc. 51313-03.

**Reports and correspondence noted.**

**Agenda Items**

- Lyle Monette commented regarding statements he made in the April 8, 2013 regular board meeting regarding communication between the fire chief and the department. Lyle clarified that he only had an issue with the lack of communication by Chief Radtke in regards to Kim Busman. He apologized for any misunderstanding.
- a. Ordinance Codification Consideration – Lyle moved, Lisa supported a motion to approve Doc. #51313-01 to contract with General Code at a half cost of \$5282.00. Roll call vote: 5 yes.
- b. Audit proposals – Don moved, Lyle supported a motion to approve Doc. #51313-02 to accept the audit proposal from Lake Michigan CPA Services at a cost of \$3200.00. Roll call vote: 5 yes.
- d. Grounds Keeping Trailer – Lisa moved, Don supported a motion to approve Doc. #51313-03 to purchase a new trailer instead of a used one at a cost of \$3999.99. This will nullify the April 8, 2013 motion to purchase the 2003 trailer. Roll call vote: 5 yes.
- e. Tire grant – Melonie will be attending a meeting to gather more information. Volunteers will be needed. Information will be posted on the website.
- f. Public Hearing – Walter Udell appeal  
Walter Udell had nothing more to add that was not in the packet he submitted to the board. He made the board aware that if they had any questions, he would be happy to answer them.

Public Comments regarding Public Hearing:

Barb Veldman commented that the fire chief is responsible for the firefighters and the community at all times and must know the rules and train his firefighters accordingly. They must be able to work as a team and acknowledge the command structure.

Lyle Monette abstains from voting on this issue and removes himself from the discussion.

Debbie moved to modify the fire chief's decision to terminate Walter Udell from the Blue Lake Township Fire Department and bring it to arbitration. Motion denied for lack of support.

Don moved, Lisa supported a motion to affirm the fire chief's decision to terminate Walter Udell from the Blue Lake Township Fire Department. Roll call vote: 3 yes, 1 no (DT), 1 abstain (LM) Motion passed.

**Accounts Payable**

Lyle moved, Debbie supported a motion to approve the second quarter April 2013 ACH warrant in the amount of \$2413.93. Roll call vote: 5 yes.

Lyle moved, Debbie supported a motion to approve the April 9-May 13, 2013 bills paid in the amount of \$71,574.03. Roll call vote: 5 yes.

**Public Comment**

Vicki Longnecker reminded the board that a board meeting is still scheduled on Veteran's Day and wants to voice her continued objection.

Bob Dykema mention stones for the veterans buried in our cemeteries and stated that the board was in violation of the law by holding a meeting on Veteran's Day.

Ken Mahoney delivered directories to the board from the county clerk's office.

Fred Arbogast, Sr. – Commented regarding the April 15, 2013 fire department medical emergency call on Nichols/Skeels corner. He stated that one of the fire trucks passed the residence three times while someone tried to flag them down. He requests an answer to why the truck did not stop.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.**



Lisa F. Knop  
Clerk