

**BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14, 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

Approval of the minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular board meeting. Motion by Lisa, supported by Lyle. Passed on voice vote.

**Perfection of agenda:** Add "Election Information" after "Insurance" under a. Clerk.

**Reports and correspondence noted.**

**Agenda Items**

**a. Clerk**

- **Insurance** – Jeff McCray from Burnham & Flower Insurance Group presented proposal. Don moved, Lyle supported a motion to table the insurance proposal until the November regular board meeting. Roll call vote: 5 yes.
- **Election Information** – The clerk informed the community of the November 5, 2013 election and encouraged all registered voters to vote.
- **Election Inspector List** – Lisa moved, Don supported a motion to approve Doc. #101413-01 Election Inspector List for the November 5, 2013 Special Election. Passed on voice vote.
- **Consultation Proposals** – Fred Arbogast, Sr. withdrew his proposal effective immediately. Debbie moved, Lisa supported a motion to approve Doc. #101413-03 to accept the proposal from Lake Michigan CPA Services for consultation for financial reports and education in the accounting program at a maximum cost of \$500. Roll call vote: 4 No, 1 Yes (DS). Motion denied.

**b. Treasurer**

- **ACH Payment Information** – The treasurer already paid the ACH payment today (October 14) because it is due on October 15.

**c. Supervisor**

- **Brush Disposal** – Lisa moved, Melonie supported a motion to approve the removal of brush from the township and dam to the dump at a cost of up to \$75. Roll call vote: 5 yes.
- **Budget Amendment** – Lisa moved, Don supported a motion to approve Doc. #101413-04 Budget Amendment of GF 101-265-860 (Building & Grounds Maintenance Mileage) to \$900. Roll call vote: 5 yes.
- **Codification** – Lisa moved, Lyle supported a motion to schedule a Special Meeting regarding Codification on October 29, 2013 at 3:00 PM. Passed on voice vote.

- **Tire Grant Resolution** – Lyle moved, Debbie supported a motion to adopt Res. #101413-01 to approve participation in the Scrap Tire Clean-up Grant. Roll call vote: 5 yes.
- **Ware Cemetery Invoice** – Lisa moved, Debbie supported a motion of approval for the supervisor to draw up a donation receipt for Al Stanley in the amount of \$480 for services rendered. Roll call vote: 5 yes.

**d. Fire Chief**

- **Response/Time Information** – The fire chief shared goals and plans to improve the response/time of Blue Lake Fire Department.
- **Heat Loss Program** – This free program will start up on November 1 and end when the snow is too deep to gain access to outside of homes. Included will be a check of address visibility and driveway access.

**Accounts Payable**

Lyle moved, Lisa supported a motion to approve the third quarter September 2013 ACH warrant in the amount of \$2566.10. Roll call vote: 5 yes.

Lyle moved, Debbie supported a motion to approve (with the correction of \$1.25 made accordingly) the September 10-October 14, 2013 bills paid in the amount of \$129,162.89. Roll call vote: 5 yes.

**Colleen LaMonte**, State Representative 91<sup>st</sup> District, updated the board on new legislation.

**Public Comment**

1. Michele Bridges (Blue Lake Fire Department) Informed the board that the Walkerville Fire Department allowed us to use their smokehouse before our Fire Prevention Open House in order to take it to neighborhoods in our township to teach fire safety.
2. Beth Phillips (1053 Holton Whitehall Rd.) Commented about a letter from Bob Dornbush regarding the house numbers of those living on Whippoorwill Lane. She stressed her displeasure with Mr. Dornbush on his tactics.
3. Steve Schrader (8083 Russell Rd.) Thanked the board and township for their support of the Fire Prevention Open House. He also thanked the area departments who attended.
4. Susan Radtke (1159 W. Holton Whitehall Rd.) Resides on Whippoorwill Lane – commented regarding the letter from Mr. Dornbush, which she did not receive, and assured him that the area police and fire departments know where Whippoorwill Lane is located and that they have had no problems with response time. She thanked Mr. Dornbush for his concern, but the residents are happy with their addresses as they are.
5. Walter Udell – Glad that someone is bringing to light the issue of private roads and incorrect addresses.

Lisa Knop  
Clerk  
Blue Lake Township