TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING4-0 AS PREPARED

JUNE 20, 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Schultz, Schoenherr, Petersen and Windiate

Absent: Martel

Others Present: Spencer

Audience: 9

**A. REPEATING AGENDA:**

**1.** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and followed by the pledge to the flag. Due to the absence of the  
 Supervisor, the Clerk opened the meeting. The **Motion** by Schultz to elect Petersen to moderate the rest of the  
 meeting was seconded and passed 4-0.

**2. Minutes:** **Motion** by Schultz to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Combined Meeting as prepared was  
 seconded and passed 4-0. **Motion** by Windiate to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2017 with corrections was  
 seconded and passed 4-0. In Item 6 A. change “2.15” to “2.16”; at end of sentence change “approval” to “discussion  
 at the June 20, 2017 meeting”. **Motion** by Schultz to approve the Minutes of Special Meeting May 23, 2017 was  
 seconded and approved 4-0 as prepared. **Motion** by Schoenherr to approve Minutes of the May 30, 2017 Closed  
 Session with corrections was seconded and approved 4-0.  **Motion** by Schultz to approve Minutes of May 30, 2017  
 Special Meeting as prepared was seconded and passed 4-0. **Motion** by Schoenherr to approve Minutes of June 12,  
 2017 Closed Session as prepared was seconded and passed 4-0. **Motion** by Schoenherr to approve Minutes of June  
 12, 2017 Special Meeting with modifications was seconded and passed 4-0. In item 5, change the **Motion** to read “to

approve this June 12th order as presented by Millar”.

**3. Correspondence,** etc. There was none.

**4. Agenda Content: Motion** by Windiate to approve Agenda was seconded and passed 4-0.

**5. Citizen Commentary:** 1. Lee Scott addressed the Board regarding proposed legislation that would prohibit local

governments from regulating weekly rentals. This action would void our current ordinance, which prevents them.

There will be a meeting June 28th at the old Milton Township Hall at 11:00 AM attended by Senator Wayne Schmidt

and Representative Triston Cole to discuss this issue. Scott is urging as many township officials as possible to attend.

Schultz mentioned that Triston Cole will be at the CSB later the same day for a town hall meeting, from 1:00 until

2:00. 2. Bob Spencer appreciates the role he has been given as Deputy Supervisor and please feel free to ask any

questions during the meeting.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion** by Schultz to approve was seconded and passed 4-0.

**C. SPECIAL REPORTS AGENDA:**

**1.** Mr. Spencer reported on activity of the Planning Commission, including a lengthy discussion of options related to   
 the new Marijuana law. The consensus of the PC was to not vote, but rather let the Board deal with this issue.

**2**. Board members please note the Township auditor has been scheduled to present the 2016-17 report at the

September Board meeting.

**D. AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

**1. Zoning Revision, Version 12 Section 2.16 B (3) Section 19.02 B, Section 23.01:**  Lengthy discussion of Document P,

prepared by Deputy Spencer, which is a compilation of 3 documents. P includes information from the Martel

recommendations dated 5/12/2017, Version 12: Decks, etc. from the Planning Commission and an Ordinance

Proposal dated 6-3-17 from Bruce Laidlaw. After much discussion, the **Motion** by Schoenherr to amend Version 12 as

submitted by the Planning Commission dated 2-16-2017 with the amendments proposed in Version P dated June 20,

2017 was seconded by Petersen and approved 4-0 roll call vote. This amendment becomes effective 8 days after

publication in the newspaper.

**2. Asphalt Repair at CSB:** Two bids were received for the job for significantly different amounts of money. The Board

would like to re-bid this proposal with a third bid, if possible, and asked Mr. Petersen to rewrite the specs so each

contractor is bidding on the same type of work. The **Motion** by Schoenherr to rescind the motion made by Petersen

on May 9, 2017 approving the bid from Northern Seal Coating was seconded and passed 4-0. The seal coat could not

be applied for at least a year after the paving, so the Board will address this issue in the future.

**3. Michigan Medical Marijuana Laws:** After a discussion of options available and possible action, the **Motion** by

Schultz to approve language as submitted by the township attorney, stating **It is the intent of the Township Board to**

**Limit** **the rights of individuals under this portion of the zoning ordinance to include only those rights created as a**

**result of** **enactment of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act on February 5, 2011. It is also the intent of the Board**

**that it** **chooses to not opt into any of the available options included in the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing**

**Act (MMFLA), Public Act 281 of 2016, MCL 333.27101.** The **Motion** was seconded and passed 4-0 roll call vote.

**4. Dry Harbour Marine:** An update was given on the injunction against Dry Harbour, which has been resolved.

**5.** **Public Opinion Survey Content/Questions:** As part of the Master Plan Update, the Planning Commission will

conduct a Public Survey. A form was handed out to the Board to submit the topics or questions they would like

to see included on the survey. Submit to the PC asap.

**E.** **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**  Rebecca Naples asked if the Board had considered the financial gains involved if they were

to approve some part of the Marijuana Facilities Act.

**F. BOARD COMMENTARY:** Windiate thanked Mr. Spencer for the work done on tonight’s Board packet. It was well-

organized and easy to work with. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted and are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Kathy S. Windiate

Township Clerk