TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING WITH CHANGES 4-0

MAY 21, 2024

COMMUNITY SERICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Cook, Schultz, Merchant and Windiate

Absent: Martel

Audience: 11

**A REPEATING AGENDA:**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Minutes of April 16, 2024 were approved 4-0 with corrections. In item A. 2 change the dated from March 16th to the 26th. In item A. 3 change “vote at home” to “Torch Lake Township”. In item C. 1 change “builder” to “developer”. In item H. change date from “May” 23rd to “April 23
3. Correspondence, etc. 1. Antrim Conservation District Newsletter received. It is also available on-line. 2. One of our township citizens is adamant that the township must do something about trash pick-up for Torch Lake Township residents. 3. Antrim County’s Master Plan is available for comment and review. Find it at [countyadmin@antrimcountymi.gov](mailto:countyadmin@antrimcountymi.gov). There will be a Public Hearing in the future; 4. Planning Report was received from Beckett & Raeder; 5. letter received by all Board members but cannot be read at this time because it is a matter that could go to court, and the Board doesn’t have any responsibility in handling that. 6. A request to look at the situation at the end of Third Street public access. This item is on tonight’s Agenda.
4. Agenda Content: **Motion** by Cook to approve the Agenda with changes was approved 4-0. In item C. add

4.Recycling Grant; change date of future Board Meeting to June 18th.

1. Citizen Comment: **1.** Jarris Rubingh regarding the County Master Plan. Also New Flood Maps are coming to Antrim County. Townships should note that flooding is the most common natural disaster. They should consider joining the NFIP, National Flood Insurance Program to reduce the risk for homeowners and renters. The county has hired an architect to look at the Rex Beach Rd old school house to see what it would entail to fix it up. **2.** Miss Jemima Rubingh read a poem about birds to the audience and Board. Well done! **3.** Cathy Odom introduced herself as a candidate for County Clerk. **4.** Judy Parliament introduced herself as Director of Antrim County Commission on Aging, to inform the people what services are available. Meals on Wheels for 50 years. Last year 85,562 meals went out of the facility. Loan closet is most popular service offered. Also 25-40 different programs for the citizens. 5. Emm Fitzerald was introduced with her new position as MI Green Communities Coordinator and would love to discuss how the programs apply to Torch Lake Township.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**  All reports were accepted by consent.

**C. SPECIAL REPORTS AGENDA:**

1. Planning Commission report given by Jason Merchant: The commission discussed the next steps for the Zoning Ordinance and the next steps for the Master Plan.

2. FOIA: No new FOIA to report.

3. Financials are available on line.

**D. AGENDA FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion** to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Resolution 2024-11, was seconded and passed 4-0 with Martel absent.
2. **Motion** to approve the revised FEE & PERMIT SCHEDULE was passed 4-0 with Martel absent.
3. The Board recognized May 19–25, 2024 as EMS WEEK, celebrating their 50thANNIVERSARY, and personally thanked our EMS/Ambulance team for the service they provide to our Township.
4. **Moton** to approve the revised WM. K. GOOD DAY PARK PAVILION RENTAL AGREEMENT was passed 4-0 with Martel absent.

**E. AGENDA FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:**

1. Discussion of the Road End at Third Avenue and what might be done to improve it. A memo from Deb Steggles was shared which included suggestions from the residents. A survey of the access site has been ordered.

2. Road End Survey update: At this time four roads will be surveyed, which were previously budgeted for. Kruger, Creswell, Erickson and Third.

3. Day Park Sprinkler System: At this time the contractor Thunder Cloud Sprinklers we will use is different than originally approved but the budgeted total will remain the same. Work should begin the second week of June.

**F. AGENDA ITEM FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY**: No items at this time.

**G. CITIZEN COMMENT:** None

**H. BOARD COMMENT:** Schultz reminded everyone of the Petoskey Stone Festival this week-end on Saturday. Next year the festival will be held the Saturday **BEFORE** Memorial Day week-end, as there is a conflict with parking at the Park.

I With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

J. FUTURE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS:

1. Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

2. Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday May 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

3. Day Park Committee Meeting Tuesday May 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm

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

Kathy Windiate

Township Clerk