TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AS PREPARED 4-0

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Cook, Schultz, Martel, Merchant and Windiate

Absent: None

Audience: 10

**REPEATING AGENDA**

1. Meeting convened at 7:00PM followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Regular and Special Board Meeting Minutes: **Motion** by Cook to approve Minutes of Regular August 15 Board Meeting was seconded and passed 5—0 with one addition. In item E 2. Line one, add “from Citizens” after “communication”; **Motion** by Cook to approve Minutes of Special August 25th Board Meeting was seconded and passed as prepared.
3. Correspondence, etc. Election for Central Lake School District residents only on November 7, 2023. No election for Elk Rapids School District.
4. Agenda Content: **Motion** by Cook to add Agenda item C 4. Central Lake School District Ballot Issues was seconded and passed 5-0.
5. Citizen Comment: Janet Killian feels that in Section 20.06 of the Zoning Ordinance, all 5 elements that are listed should be considered, but to meet all five is unreasonable. 1. From Jarris Rubingh, the County plans on sending out a Citizen Survey via postcard to approximately 25% of the voters regarding a new public safety center. 2. The Northern Lakes Economics Alliance is looking for a new president.

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

**C. SPECIAL REPORTS AGENDA:**

1. Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled.

**2.** FOIA Update: Still working on a previous request with requestor’s consent. No new requests.

**3.** Refer to Supervisor’s financial overview on our township website, torchlaketownship.org.

4. Monique Dean and Mark Eckhardt were present to address the audience regarding the Central Lake School District Bond proposal. More information can be found on their website, clps.k12.mi.us.

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Motion** by Schultz to amend the Police Power Fire Lane Ordinance 2021-03 and direct the clerk to publish notice of amendment in the paper with 15 days, with effective date 30 days after publishing. Motion was seconded and passed 5-0. Change the fine to $100.

2. **Motion** by Cook to amend script error in Police Power Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance 2023-03 as presented was seconded and passed 5-0. Section 5 1) should read Except as provided in subsection “2” (remove letter B.).

3. **Motion** by Cook to accept nomination of Jeffrey Clarke to fulfill remaining term of Barbara Budros on TLT Planning Commission, effective date of September 20, 2023, ending October 31, 2023. Motion was seconded and passed 5-0.

4. **Motion** by Cook to approve Zoning Amendment related to the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 20, replacing section 20.6 as presented and the Clerk is directed to publish the notice of change within 15 days of passage and the effective date is 8 days after the publication date. Motion is seconded and passed 5-0.

5. **Motion** by Cook to approve zoning amendment related to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 21 by adding section 21.02 as presented and the clerk is directed to publish the notice of change within 15 days of passage and the effective date is 8 days after the publication date. Motion is seconded and passed 5-0.

6. **Motion** by Cook to accept nomination of Charles Bowman as a scanner effective September 20, 2023 at a rate of $15 per hour. Motion is seconded and passed 5-0.

**E. AGENDA FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:**

1. Update Barnes Park

2. Update Speed Study NW Torch Lake Drive

3. Update Boat Launch repairs

4. Update Road Ends

**F. AGENDA ITEM FOR INORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:**

1. Day Park Report

**G. CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**H. BOARD COMMENT:**

**Adjournment at 8:54 pm.**