

**MINUTES**

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP  
ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2024  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Cook, Schultz, Martel, Merchant and Windiate  
Absent: None  
Audience: 8

**A REPEATING AGENDA**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge to the flag. All Board members were present.
2. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 19, 2024 and Special Meeting on March 26, 2024: March 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved with correction. In Item C 2. Add Both "requests" were denied. March 16<sup>th</sup> approved as prepared.
3. Correspondence, etc. 1. Emails received from Kelly Barry regarding a nuisance ordinance. 2. Clerk announced that a Consolidation Agreement between Banks and Torch Lake Townships has been signed. All **9-day early voting** will no longer take place in Torch Lake Township. Our voters will vote in Banks Township with our election staff present. Voters can choose to vote "at home" on actual election days. Voters will also have the option of voting absentee.
4. Agenda Content approved by Motion 5-0.
5. Citizen Comment: 1. Barry Cole introduced himself as candidate for Probate Judge in Antrim County. The position includes being Judge of District Court as well. Mr. Cole has experience in both. 2. Jarris Rubingh gave details of the Equalization Report.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA (Department Reports).** All reports were approved by consent.

**C. SPECIAL REPORTS AGENDA**

1. Merchant reported that at the last meeting the Planning Commission heard a presentation from a builder wanting to put in some high-tech storage units in the Township. They listened but no voting took place.
2. Windiate reported no FOIA requests at this time.
3. Cook reminded the listeners that the financial details can be found on the website, [torchlaketownship.org](http://torchlaketownship.org).

**D. AGENDA FOR BOARD ACTION:**

NO OLD BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Cook to approve Contract from "Cutting It Close Outdoor LLC" for installation of Sprinkler System at the Day Park for \$10,575 was seconded and approved 4-0, with Merchant abstaining from the vote.

**E. AGENDA FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:**

1. Road Ends Update Discussion: Further discussion is needed regarding the 6 better Road Ends on the Bay and Torch Lake. No survey will be done at this time. No formal action is taken at this time.
2. Barnes Park Update Discussion: Parking spots are well marked now and no parking will occur on the grounds between the admin building and the playground.
3. Jake Brake/Engine Brake Noise: The County will not enforce our Police Power Ordinances nor would we have any way of enforcing this type of ordinance either. There is no solution for this at this time.

**F. AGENDA FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:** None.

**G. CITIZEN COMMENT:** None.

**H. BOARD COMMENT:** Cook reminds the township if anyone is interested in running for any office in the August Primary paper work needs to be submitted by May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm.

With no further business the Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm was seconded and approved.

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

Kathy S. Windiate  
Township Clerk