

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting
March 18, 2021

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

Present: Supervisor Terry Nienhuis, Clerk Michael Dalman, Treasurer Vince Bush, and Trustees Elliott Church, Gretchen Molotky, and Russ TeSlaa. Also present was Township Manager Steve Bulthuis.

Absent: Trustee Norm Nykamp

Mr. Nienhuis opened the public hearing. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to receive input on a request to the DNR to study permanent no wake restrictions. Mr. Bulthuis explained the reason for the request. Lake Macatawa levels are still quite high which creates safety and property damage concerns. The Township would like to enact the same no wake zones as last year. In order to do this the Township would need to enact permanent no wake provisions. A resolution with permanent water controls and a provision for different levels of controls depending on water levels will be considered at the regular board meeting.

Mr. Bulthuis shared a letter sent by resident Karen VanEss expressing support for controls on Lake Macatawa. Board members asked questions. Holland Charter Township, Park Township, and Holland City must be in agreement on asking for controls to the Department of Natural Resources. If all are in agreement, the DNR will conduct their research and bring a proposition to the municipalities for consideration. Controls determined by the plan would be evaluated annually and in effect for the entire boating season. One citizen participated in the meeting.

Mr. Nienhuis closed the public hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Terry Nienhuis, Supervisor