

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
December 10, 2019

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on December 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, and Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Florian, Stacy Loar-Porter, Tom Norbey, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith, Richard Stauffer, and Rick Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

PRESENTATIONS.

ADJUST AGENDA. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED. Stone moved, seconded by Florian to approve the consent agenda.

1. Regular Minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting
2. Approve the 12/11/19 and 11/27/19 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 83,987.05
Parks Fund	14,388.16
Parks Capital Improvement	109,665.09
Cemetery Fund	3,698.54
Building Fund	18,718.77
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	27,507.54
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	0.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	9,448.05
Sewer Replacement	57,763.51
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	148.05
Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
TOTAL	325,324.76

LIBRARY REPORT. Library Director Jessica Enget gave an update on upcoming events. The library will be closed 12/24-25 and 12/31-1/1 for the holidays. Total circulation was 14,187, circulation for Lincoln Charter Township was 7,703.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Berrien County Road Department.

Annual Meeting.

Stauffer reported on the annual meeting held with the BCRD. In 2020 there will be 2.7 miles of subdivision roads sealed; this is funded through the Township Road Millage. Linco and Ridge Road will also be repaved, funding will come from the Road Department and a funding match from the Township.

Other Items.

Earth Day 2020. Norbey is heading up activities for 2020 Earth Day. This is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. The Best Practices Committee is working together to strive for awards in the area. Norbey stated his goal was to strive for the Silver Award. He will have more information and details after the committee meets on 1/7/2020.

Ice Street Abandonment.

The Township received a petition signed by seven petitioners to abandon a small (55' long x 66' wide) section of Ice Street adjacent to the home at 5787 Dunham Path. Assessor John Baumann reviewed the plat maps and location of Ice Street that was requested to be abandon. The Berrien County Road Department has no objection. The Township has to approve the abandonment, then the County has to approve.

All but 55' of Ice Street was originally abandoned in 1958, after much research it is unknown why this 55' wasn't included in the original abandonment. The request has risen now when the property owner to the north bought the property to the south and had both parcels surveyed last year by Wightman.

Resolution of Support of Abandonment. Motion Cared. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve a resolution of support for abandonment and discontinuance of a 55' by 66' wide section of Ice Street. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone.

Attachment A. Resolution # 19-14.

CLERK'S REPORT.

November balances.

General	\$1,222,607.34	Road	\$134,829.01
Police	\$253,999.27	Parks	\$119,041.66
Cemetery	\$32,101.12	Street Lighting	\$42,018.55
Building	\$439,394.61	Police Drug	\$890.66
Township Improvement	\$68,276.52	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$332,662.52
Police Improvement	\$676.19	Park Improvement	\$37,067.23
Sewer Operating	\$1,175,415.14	Sewer Replacement	\$1,444,782.20
Sewer Improvement	\$551,874.16	Water Operating	\$109,713.79
Water Replacement	\$1,726,045.43	Water Improvement	\$5,968,411.78
Trust & Agency	\$279,242.16	Tax Collection	\$747,326.54
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$1,818.70	Flex Spending	\$3,393.09
Police Bond T & A	\$508.93		

TREASURERS REPORT. Smith reported interest earned through 11/30 is \$167,349.90. Winter taxes went out on 12/1. They are collecting summer and winter taxes through 2/29.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. Minutes were sent out.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. No meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. One single-family residential permit was issued in November. There have been 21 single family residential permits issued year-to-date.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT. Distributed to board.

FIRE REPORT. Chief Chiarello provided the board with a report on fire calls and activity by the department for the month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Distributed to the board by e-mail.

PARKS REPORT.

Spray Park at Community Center.

Part of the equipment for the new spray park has been ordered and will be delivered and stored at the Township until spring, when construction begins.

Rental Rates.

Smith presented the rates for park rentals around our area. Our rates have not increased in several years and the costs to maintain our parks is increasing. With North Lake having the new facility and added features the price should be the same as the Community Center. There was discussion on the deposit amount. The board felt the deposit should be larger to encourage more responsibility on the renter to clean up and make sure the facility is locked after use.

Park Rental Rates. Motion Carried. Smith moved, seconded by Florian, to approve the following rates and deposit for the rental of the Community Center and North Lake Pavilion;

- \$100 resident rental fee and a \$100 refundable deposit
- \$150 non-resident rental fee and a \$100 refundable deposit

Water/Sewer Authority.

Smith reported that the forced main project is almost complete, it is all up and running, landscaping is the last thing to be completed. The project was finished under budget.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments. None.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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