

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2019

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

ROLL CALL: Mark Florian, Tom Norbey, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith, Richard Stauffer, and Rick Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacy Loar-Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Austin, Township Engineer

The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was given.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

ADJUST AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

1. Regular Minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting.
2. Approve the payment of the October 28th thru November 13th, 2019 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$88,164.59
Parks Fund	3,776.05
Parks Capital Improvement Fund	58,632.79
Cemetery	919.23
Building Fund	7,275.69
Police fund	26,695.45
Police Drug Fund	0.00
Police Capital Improvement Fund	0.00
Township Improvement Fund	0.00

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

Sewer Operating Fund	\$100,867.19
Sewer Replacement Fund	133,182.24

Sewer Improvement Fund	0.00
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	
Water Operating Fund	\$ 3,360.90
Water Replacement Fund	0.00
Water Improvement Fund	0.00
ROAD FUND	\$118,433.12
FIRE DEPT- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	0.00
TOTAL	\$541,307.25

LIBRARY REPORT: Jessica Pasek, gave an update on upcoming events. The library will be closed from November 28-30th for Thanksgiving. Circulations for October were 9,120 for Lincoln Township residents and total of 16,677 for all residents.

NEW BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Drain Commission:

Motion Carried. Peterson moved, seconded by Stone to approve the Resolution for Petition For Maintenance, Improvement and Consolidation of Drains Pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as Amended, for the Grand Mere Drain. **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.**

The drain covers approximately 4,000 acres. It has almost 960 properties, of which 15 belong to state entities.

Motion Carried. Peterson moved, seconded by Stone to approve the Petition For Consolidation, Maintenance, and improvement of Drains Pursuant to Chapter 8 and 19 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as Amended for Grand Mere Drain. **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.**

Drain Commissioner, Chris Quattrin, Engineer for Edgewater, Daryl Veldman, Engineer from Spicer, Chris Mattson and Cole Hedrick from Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC made a presentation to the Board about issues involving North Lake and to address why there is a need to pass a petition to create a North Lake District to do redesigning and establish it as a drain. There was also discussion as to who owns the Dam at North Lake. They will be looking into a title search.

Other Items: Patrick McQueon, Administrator of Pine Ridge, addressed the Board expressing his thanks for allowing them to move into our community and build their facility. They are very pleased to be here. He complimented our Fire and Police Departments for their help and professionalism.

CLERKS REPORT: Motion Carried. Moved by Stone, seconded by Florian to approve the 2020 Street Light Assessments.

Motion Carried. Moved by Stone, seconded by Florian to approve the 2020 Meeting Dates and the 2020 Holiday Schedule.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Investment interest sheets were handed out to the Board members showing interest earned up to date in each department. The total interest earned year to date is \$150,685.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Florian reported that the Commission discussed ecofriendly homes and have hopes to set up a meeting with the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees to discuss the options.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Distributed to board. It was also noted that a Certificate of Achievement was received from the Michigan State Tax Commission acknowledging a perfect score on the 2019 Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements Review that was conducted with our Assessor, John Baumann.

Baumann reported that we have lost approximately \$90,000 in assessed value so far due to the erosion. Currently, due to the new growth, the taxable value has been counteracted. The impact is on the land value.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Distributed to board.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY: Distributed to board.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Distributed to the Board. Chief Chirello announced that the new truck has arrived and it will be taken to Kalamazoo to have the detailing done. It should be ready to be put into service by mid-December.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Distributed to the board. Chief Soper announced that the new police car has still not arrived. It is currently three months behind. The new video system has been installed and is much easier to download the files now that it is on wi-fi system.

PARKS REPORT: The soccer entrance is completed for now. In the spring they will gravel the transition drive. They fell short of time due to all the rainy weather we have received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Township Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Terrie L Smith

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