

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 7 2020

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR DICK STAUFFER TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROOSEVELT ROAD NON-MOTORIZED PATH AND CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF SCOTT DIENES AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY.

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THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on January 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, MI 49127.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Stone, Smith, and Stauffer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Township Engineer Dave Austin.

Township Attorney Appointment. The three-year appointment of the Township Attorney is expiring. Stauffer stated that he feels, Dienes has Township Law knowledge and since he is currently working on a large sewer contract that the reappointment is appropriate.

Motion to Approve Appointment. Stauffer moved, seconded by Stone, to approve the reappointment of Scott Dienes as the Township Attorney for a term of 3 years at a rate of \$200 per hour.

Florian stated he felt we should be looking at other attorneys, just as was done for the auditor a few years ago. The Planning Commission has expressed their displeasure with the timeliness of Dienes's work. There is no question on his qualifications. Florian suggested a shorter term.

Peterson suggested a 1-year renewal. Loar-Porter agreed that seemed appropriate, his work is good and meets our needs, however timeliness on completion has been a factor.

Motion Amended to Approve Appointment. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Peterson to amend the original motion to; approve the reappointment of Scott Dienes as the Township Attorney for a term of 1 year at a rate of \$200 per hour. Nays: Stone.

MDOT Grant for Roosevelt Rd. Non-Motorized Path.

Township Engineer Dave Austin presented the board with an MDOT Transportation Alternative Program grant that he applied for on behalf of the Township. The grant was approved. The amount granted was \$438,000, township match is 40%. The grant can only be used towards construction cost. The State bids out the project, we have to agree that if bids come back and are with 10% of the budgeted cost the Township must accept the bid.

The estimated project cost is \$1,429,000. The Township has a CMAQ grant for \$273,858 and the TAP Grant for \$438,000. The Township has saved \$286,000 over the last 3 years towards the project. \$210,000 of the project has already been paid for, the remaining amount needed to cover the project is \$169,000. This will need to be budgeted in 20/21.

The project cost has increased since the original budget due to requirements for the bridge portion of the path. There was discussion on the concern of making certain future projects do not get delayed to complete this project.

Resolution to Establish Request for Funding. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve a resolution to establish a request for funding, designate an agent, attest to the existence of funds and commit to implementing a maintenance program for the S. Roosevelt Rd. shared use path funded by the Transportation Alternatives Program. **Attachment A. Resolution # 20-01.** Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.