

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
March 17, 2020

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on March 17, 2020, 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. None.

ADJUST AGENDA. None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried. Peterson moved, seconded by Norbey, to open the budget public hearing, 7:02 pm.

Loar-Porter presented a PowerPoint Presentation reviewing the 2020-21 budget. **Attachment A.**

Close Public Hearing at 7:15 pm. Motion Carried.

Resolution to Approve 2020-2021 Budget, wages, and Set 2020 Millage Rates. Motion Carried.

Moved by Loar-Porter, seconded by Norbey, to approve the resolution to adopt the annual budget and to set the 2020 millage rates pursuant to the General Appropriations Act, and approve the 2020-2021 wage schedules. *Resolution # 20-5. Attachment B.* Roll Call vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peteron, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

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

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2020
2. Approval of minutes for the Special Meeting February 24, 2020
3. Approve the 3/11/2020 and 2/27/2020 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 191,161.22
Parks Fund	3,194.49
Parks Capital Improvement	2,187.45
Cemetery Fund	1,581.15

Building Fund	16,855.37
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	29,161.35
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	1,139.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	220,205.26
Sewer Replacement	543.47
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	62,723.21
Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
TOTAL	528,751.97

LIBRARY REPORT. No report

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Drain Commission.

The Board of Determination for the Wahl and Grande Mere Drains have been postponed. Letters from the Drain office will go out with the new meeting date and time.

Other Items.

Trash Passes. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve no charge trash days for April 4, 11, 18, and 25th with one pass per household, and for October 24, 31 and November 7 and 14th.

Earth Day 2020. Norbey discussed the possibility of having to delay some of the events he has planned due to the COVID-19 virus. He will keep the board apprised of any changes.

Exit 23 Clean up. Exit 23 clean ups are scheduled on Saturdays for April 25, July 18 and September 26. Those interested in helping can call Glenn Youngstedt at 269-861-0596 or at the Township Hall.

CLERK'S REPORT.

February balances.

General	\$1,155,050.50	Road	\$135,243.83
Police	\$4,297.77	Parks	\$51,977.68
Cemetery	\$22,837.94	Street Lighting	\$42,112.29
Building	\$455,697.38	Police Drug	\$893.80
Township Improvement	\$69,285.55	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$309,510.02
Police Improvement	\$679.09	Park Improvement	\$197,982.13
Sewer Operating	\$1,309,502.45	Sewer Replacement	\$1,223,276.95
Sewer Improvement	\$553,084.15	Water Operating	\$144,768.94
Water Replacement	\$1,729,829.34	Water Improvement	\$5,980,676.12
Trust & Agency	\$33,799.04	Tax Collection	\$3,479,670.53
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$1,864.10	Flex Spending	\$4,704.70
Police Bond T & A	\$508.99		

August Ballot Lanuage.

The board was presented with the language for millages. At the February budget meeting there was discussion on the upcoming police operating millage .50 renewal. The .5 millage and the existing 1.5 mils is not currently enough to cover the expenses for the department. Original discussion in February was to ask for .75 Millage for police operating, that would encompass the .5 mil renewal. The .25 increase would be enough to cover the shortage in revenues that General Fund is funding.

After researching call volume and the national average for police to resident ratio the Board would like to add three additional officers to the staff. To do this the millage rate will need to be 1.5. If a millage of 1.5 passed it would give Police Operating a total of 3 mills in revenue. This would allow Police Fund to maintain a 50% operating Fund Balance and alleviate General Fund from having to supplement the Police Fund.

Approve Police Operating Ballot Lanuage. Motion Carried. Stone moved, seconded by Smith, to approve a resolution to approve ballot proposal for Police Operating Millage Ballot Language for the August 4, 2020. **Attachment C. Resolution #20-3.** Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Fire Operating Millage.

The board believes that they should ask the residents for a millage to fund the Fire Department. This would relieve the General Fund from funding the operations at 100% which would alleviate the need for General Fund to continue to decrease its Fund Balance Reserves. A millage of .5 would fund the department's operations.

Approve Fire Department Operating Millage. Motion Carried. Norbey moved, seconded by Florian, to approve a resolution to approve ballot proposal for fire operating millage ballot language for the August 4, 2020 election. **Attachment D. Reolution #20-4.** Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Approve Fire Captial Asset Millage Renewal. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve a resolution to approve ballot proposal for fire capital asset millage renewal ballot language for the August 4, 2020 election. **Attachment E. Resolution # 20-5.** Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

TREASURERS REPORT. Smith reported investment interest year to date is \$182,364.17. She has CDs that will mature in March.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. No Meeting.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. No meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. No single-family residential permits were issued in February. There have been 4 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.

Smith reported Engineer Dave Austin is working on the final electrical and water plans for the spray park installation.

Water/Sewer Authority. No report, meeting is Thursday.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments. None.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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