

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
January 14, 2020

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on January 14 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.

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. Reappointment of boards, commissions, township engineer, planner, building official and mechanical, plumbing and electrical inspectors.
2. Approve the 1/15/2020 and 12/27/19 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 73,497.24
Parks Fund	17,845.84
Parks Capital Improvement	10,198.79
Cemetery Fund	655.92
Building Fund	6,568.07
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	25,544.46
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	0.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	198,536.25
Sewer Replacement	0.00
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	27,002.32
Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
TOTAL	359,848.89

LIBRARY REPORT. Library Board Member Linda Stocker gave an update on upcoming events. The board is working with an engineer group to review the footprint of the library to assist them in making certain the space is being utilized the best for their needs. Total circulation was 13,431, circulation for Lincoln Charter Township was 7,489. Circulation for 2019 was up 1.3% over 2018.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Other Items.

Sarrett Nature Center Presentation.

Executive Director, Nate Fuller, gave a presentation on North Lake Park. North Lake is the site of several rare species, it is one of the most natural richest state parks for bio diversity. Any changes and designs to the park should keep this in mind. He also stated that the increase in lawn will attract more geese, specifically mowed lawn near the water's edge. Keeping a natural shoreline will be a natural deterrent. He also commented on some possible invasive weeds that need to be taken care of. He will provide Stauffer with the information on a company that can assist with the removal.

He provided a few useful links for the Township and for residents that live on a shoreline.

www.Mishorelinepartnership.org

Earth Day 2020. Norbey updated the board on the ideas for Earth Day. He is going to tie it in with the grand opening of North Lake Park. The Township is going to try and achieve the silver level. He is working on the details and will report back to the board.

News Release from Small Business Administration. The Township received a news release announcing Disaster Loans are available in 24 Michigan Counties, including Berrien as a result of the freeze from January 1-April 30, 2019.

Construction Easement. Stauffer reported an easement was granted for culvert construction on Township property for stream crossing Marquette Woods Road.

CLERK'S REPORT.

December balances.

General	\$1,157,063.42	Road	\$135,071.77
Police	\$135,006.47	Parks	\$86,079.49
Cemetery	\$21,284.44	Street Lighting	\$42,078.34
Building	\$460,489.93	Police Drug	\$891.90
Township Improvement	\$68,373.27	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$333,129.44
Police Improvement	\$677.08	Park Improvement	\$189,077.44
Sewer Operating	\$1,036,722.51	Sewer Replacement	\$1,409,165.91
Sewer Improvement	\$552,615.47	Water Operating	\$95,552.94
Water Replacement	\$1,728,336.95	Water Improvement	\$5,976,462.89
Trust & Agency	\$285,615.34	Tax Collection	\$2,639,549.75
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$1,818.70	Flex Spending	\$4,274.75
Police Bond T & A	\$508.95		

Budget Meeting. At the regular February board meeting, departments will present their 2020/21 budget item requests.

Summer Tax Collection. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stauffer, to approve the resolution to collect summer tax for Lakeshore, St. Joseph and Bridgman Public Schools, Lake Michigan College, and Berrien RESA. *Resolution 20-02. Attachment D.* Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

TREASURERS REPORT. Smith reported cd rates at this time are ranging between 1.85-1.95%. Interest earned year to date is \$176,384.45.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. No Meeting.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. No meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

Approve 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines and Asset test and Assessments received by mail Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stone, to approve the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines and Asset test and to approve allowing property owners to continue to appeal their 2020 property assessments by mail. **Attachment B.**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. One single-family residential permit was issued in December. There have been 22 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. No report.

Water/Sewer Authority.

Smith reported there is a new state mandate by EGLE that has to be completed by the authority by 8/1. It includes supplying a capital improvement plan. Wightman is working on the project, the estimated cost will be \$37,500.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments. Florian requested a breakdown of police calls made to Meijer for the last year.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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