

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
July 14 2020

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on July 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Community Center Pavilion, 2055 W. John Beers Road, 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.

Moment of Silence. The Board held a 30 second moment of silence for Former Treasurer Gerry Wahl.

Jacque Gnodtke Blackwell introduced herself to the board. She is a Republican Candidate for State Representative.

PRESENTATIONS. Carolyn Rabbers made a presentation to the board on a community-based group that would like to work with the Township to bring back beach access to the Lincoln Township area. She presented the board with a copy of the online survey she collected and also a packet of memories people shared about their time at the local beaches.

She stated the group realizes that the improvements will not be cheap and will take time but they are here to assist the Township with making the improvements become a reality. Smith stated there is a plan drawn up for Lincoln Township Beach but due to the erosion the improvements have not been started, when the lake level begins to lower it will be more of a possibility. Smith will share a copy of the plan with the group. Florian reminded everyone that there are more beach access areas as well that we will want to begin to consider utilizing in the future.

The board thanked her for her work and look forward to working with her in the future.

ADJUST AGENDA. Public comment for items not on the agenda.

Robert Mierzejewski, resident, made a request to the board to waiver the sewer fees on his water bill for the water usage to fill his pool. After much discussion it was determined had the resident filed for the permit with the City of St. Joseph to have his pool filled from a hydrant the permit cost would have been \$50. The sewer charge calculated for the water usage was approximately \$50, board determined the out of pocket cost to the resident would be the same, and the board choose not to waive the sewer charges.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Email from resident concerning cemetery.

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

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2020
2. Approve the 7/15/2020 and 6/26/2020 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 80,010.47
Parks Fund	17,968.94
Parks Capital Improvement	24,512.63
Cemetery Fund	5,063.19
Building Fund	14,304.71
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	69,035.96
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	8,516.50
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	129,542.84
Sewer Replacement	0.00
Sewer Improvement	781.97
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	46,531.35
Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	128,867.50
Fire Capital Improvement	83,195.00
TOTAL	608,331.06

LIBRARY REPORT. Library Director, Jessica Ishmael, gave an update on the Library, the building is open to the public. They continue to provide virtual Storytime and book groups. Physical circulation is a bit down, but digital circulation is up.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Drain Commission.

The Board of Determination held their meetings for the Grand Mere and Wahl Drains. They approved the studies on how to resolve issues, the Wahl Drain will have highest priority.

Berrien County Road Department.

Has completed the work on Linco Ave. They will be raising the manhole covers shortly. They are waiting on the rings to arrive.

MDOT

Red Arrow Hwy repairs are complete. The road under the bridge will be completed by the department that does bridge improvements and is on the docket to be completed in 2022.

Other Items.

Exit 23 Clean up. Exit 23 clean up is scheduled for September 26. Those interested in helping can call Glenn Youngstedt at 269-861-0596 or at the Township Hall.

CLERK'S REPORT.

June balances.

General	\$1,657,841.39	Road	\$383,238.30
Police	\$765,693.44	Parks	\$156,218.66
Cemetery	\$43,862.59	Street Lighting	\$42,843.68
Building	\$421,426.04	Police Drug	\$899.54
Township Improvement	\$174,629.12	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$332,640.81
Police Improvement	\$283.37	Park Improvement	\$141,401.16
Sewer Operating	\$1,188,329.30	Sewer Replacement	\$1,219,140.53
Sewer Improvement	\$654,431.26	Water Operating	\$103,541.06
Water Replacement	\$1,641,493.72	Water Improvement	\$5,924,816.27
Trust & Agency	\$41,441.17	Tax Collection	\$18,628.00
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$2,894.71	Flex Spending	\$4,132.44
Police Bond T & A	\$509.09		

Loar-Porter stated the audit is complete. Plante Moran is not doing in person meetings, if the board would like a presentation it will need to be virtual. The board decided to set a special noon virtual meeting for 8/11 to have Plante Moran present the completed audit.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Smith reported taxes have begun to be collected. Interest rates on investments are still low.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. Met. They have a subcommittee working on the topic of tiny houses.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. Met and approved officers.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. Eleven single-family residential permits were issued in June. There have been 20 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 that the play equipment that was going to be purchased with the donations for North Lake Park is on hold due to production delays. Smith has a call into the asphalt company about completing the pickle ball lines on the tennis court.

Water/Sewer Authority.

Wightman & Associates are working on the Capital Improvement Plan that is required by the state. Restoration on the forced main project is being completed and nearing completion. The project came in under budget.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments. Norbey announced that Community Fun Day for 2020 has been postponed.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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