

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
August 11, 2020

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on August 11, 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, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith, Richard Stauffer, and Rick Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Norbey.

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Austin, Township Engineer.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

PRESENTATIONS. None.

ADJUST AGENDA. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from a resident concerning a property on Marquette Woods Rd. (*Stauffer gave an update on this issue and how it is being resolved*)

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 July 14, 2020
2. Approve the 8/12/2020 and 7/29/2020 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 54,455.74
Parks Fund	5,336.46
Parks Capital Improvement	0.00
Cemetery Fund	1,905.21
Building Fund	6,787.98
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	30,405.55
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	0.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	73,802.39
Sewer Replacement	0.00
Sewer Improvement	445.03
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	

Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
TOTAL	\$173,568.90

LIBRARY REPORT. No report was given. Will be emailed to the board.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT.

Drain Commission.

Notification of Necessity have been received for the Wall Drain #539 and the Grand Mere Drain #185.

Appointments/Reappointments.

Brownfield Reappointments. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Stone, to reappoint:

- John Baumann to a 1-year term on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, term to expire on October 1, 2021.
- Ralph Bansen to a 2-year term on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, term to expire on October 1, 2022.

New Brownfield Appointment. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Andrew Graeber a 2-year term to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, term to expire on October 1, 2022.

NPDES Phase II.

EGLE MS4 (Michigan Separate Storm Sewer System) inspection for our Pollution Prevention, Good Housekeeping, Illicit Discharge, Elimination Program, Public Education, and Public Participation Elements in September.

Berrien County Road Department.

Oak Lane abandonment request. Resident Erin Lehmann presented a request to have the last 250 feet of Oak Lane abandoned by the Road Department, with the intention of making it a private road. There is a cul-de-sak in front of her property, the close bluff presents a safety issue as it is extremely eroded. Currently there are people driving back on the road that do not live there and it is dangerous and causes a safety concern. There will be no issue with continuing to provide fire protection if it is a private road.

Florian stated that a private road permit may need to be completed. The board requested that a maintenance agreement for the private road be provided.

Approval of Oak Lane Abandonment. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson to approve a Resolution Supporting the abandonment and discontinuance of a portion of Oak Lane, Summerset Estates subdivision # 2, with the understanding that a private road permit may be required.

Attachment A. Resolution # 20-09. Roll call vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Other Items.

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

LEF Raffle Request. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve a Resolution for Charitable Gaming License, to allow the LEF to host a raffle. They are having the raffle in lieu of their annual golf outing, that was cancelled due to COVID. **Attachment B. Resolution # 20-10.** Roll Call vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Revetment Work by Triple D.

Dennis Moore, from Triple D Excavating and Moore, LLC addressed the board to request access to use the road to Lincoln Township Beach as well as a portion of the parking area to assist in revetment work to be done on homes on Notre Dame Path. There is no land access to the area they need to complete the work. The in-bound truck traffic transporting materials are to back-in on the beach path access starting from Notre Dame Drive and proceeding to the LCT beach area. All materials are to be strictly contained within the protective laydown areas. Trucks are to be offloaded by a single piece of equipment staged on a crane mat pad for ground protection purposes. All materials are to be on appropriate constructed 24' x 24'-1" thick steel plated landing pad. All materials are then to be transferred from the steel plated landing pad to the water access barge. Materials will then be mobilized to proposed project located off of Notre Dame.

They presented a layout of the properties involved. They provided a Memorandum of Understanding that has been reviewed by the Township Attorney. The agreement will stipulate that the area used will be restored to the same or better condition than before the project. Moore stated that they would like are working to begin the project in the next 3-4 weeks.

There was discussion on the safety aspect of the beach, the beach is closed to the public due to the erosion and safety issues at the beach. There will be a safety officer on site.

An access agreement needs to be completed that includes; hours of operation, dust control, noise, dates, schedule, etc.

Approval of Access. Motion Carried. Florian moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve access to Triple D Excavating for use of Lincoln Township Beach, subject to final review of the project by the Township engineer and an approved access agreement. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Mixed Path Water.

The residents of Mix Path are requesting water service improvement though a special assessment. This was approached in 1999 and then again a few years ago however the owner of the private road would not grant an easement for access for the improvement to be completed. The owner has passed away, and sold the property to the parcel owners on the road.

The next step will be to have a resolution of intent presented at the next meeting then set a public hearing to hear any objections to the improvement special assessment.

CLERK'S REPORT.

July balances.

General	\$1,677,269.96	Road	\$258,491.91
Police	\$637,863.29	Parks	\$35,703.05
Cemetery	\$49,0777.65	Street Lighting	\$43,524.70
Building	\$452,876.23	Police Drug	\$900.30
Township Improvement	\$174,735.92	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$252,320.99

Police Improvement	\$1,768.52	Park Improvement	\$119,065.72
Sewer Operating	\$1,406,648.49	Sewer Replacement	\$1,219,699.03
Sewer Improvement	\$654,446.09	Water Operating	\$103,322.21
Water Replacement	\$1,642,707.39	Water Improvement	\$5,929,299.94
Trust & Agency	\$43,019.39	Tax Collection	\$2,087,764.21
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$3,592.03	Flex Spending	\$3,711.44
Police Bond T & A	\$509.11		

August Election.

Loar-Porter reported we had a 38.79 % voter turnout; 2890 absentee voters and 1762 in precinct voters. Had a few issues with the AVCB tabulators, Election Source sent a technician to work on the issues on election day. All three millages passed, the board thanked all the residents for the wonderful support.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Smith reported taxes have begun to be collected. Interest rates on investments are still low. Year to date interested collected is \$41,521.45.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. No meeting held.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. No meeting held.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board. Baumann completed his Residential Appraisal Report; it was approved and he was invited to become a report grader. He is scheduled to take his level 4 test in the upcoming month.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. Seven single-family residential permits were issued in July. There have been 27 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 at this time.

WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY. 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 8:09 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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