

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
September 8, 2020

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on September 8, 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: 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 residents Ridge Rd for a request for extended shoulders for safety.

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

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2020 with corrections to consent agenda motion and second.
2. Approve the 8/12/2020 and 7/29/2020 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 47,354.17
Parks Fund	21,136.87
Parks Capital Improvement	8,080.00
Cemetery Fund	4,498.96
Building Fund	27,582.99
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	31,676.89
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	0.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	89,525.58
Sewer Replacement	345.85
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	38,360.27

Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
TOTAL	\$268,561.58

LIBRARY REPORT. Library Director reported the library still has several virtual programs to offer. Circulation is picking up, Lincoln in-building circulation for September was 7,663, digital circulation was 22,689.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT.

Drain Commission.

Appointments/Reappointments.

Media 1 Reappointments. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Stone, to reappoint:

- Dick Stauffer to a one-year term on the Medic 1 Board, term to expire 11/20/21.
- Brandon Chiarello to a one-year term on the Medic 1 Board as the alternate, term to expire 11/20/21.

Berrien County Road Department.

All trap rock and ultra-thin is complete. Linco Rd repairs is also complete.

Other Items.

Trash Passes. Fall trash passes are available for Saturdays on October 24, 31 and November 7,14. From 8:30-12:00 pm, one pass per household will be allowed.

Revetment Work by Triple D/ Lincoln Beach Access

We did not receive the finished access agreement, the board will hold a special meeting when agreement is ready to be reviewed. The permits with EGLE are in process.

Resolution of Support for HB 6161.

Stauffer presented a resolution of support of HB 6161, the bill would allow a fee on transient lodging in narrowly prescribed situation. The funds could be used for the development, expansion and maintenance of recreational facilities.

Florian felt this was a good bill, he questions if this were to pass, will the County be able to tax as well. Stauffer would ask.

There is already a bill that allows cities and township of a certain size the ability to charge the excise tax. If the bill passes the act would be placed on the ballot for the vote of the people.

Resolution of Support for HB 6161. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Norbey, to approve a resolution of support for HB 6161 endorsing support of local government accommodations excise tax act. **Attachment B. Resolution #20-11.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer. Nays: Stone.

CLERK'S REPORT.**August balances.**

General	\$1,601,523.00	Road	\$258,607.08
Police	\$525,701.34	Parks	\$18,494.00
Cemetery	\$49,398.06	Street Lighting	\$43,538.52
Building	\$465,522.99	Police Drug	\$900.95
Township Improvement	\$174,826.38	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$252,404.73
Police Improvement	\$1,769.42	Park Improvement	\$123,547.43
Sewer Operating	\$1,402,124.60	Sewer Replacement	\$1,220,211.36
Sewer Improvement	\$654,869.53	Water Operating	\$71,179.66
Water Replacement	\$1,643,948.98	Water Improvement	\$5,933,934.06
Trust & Agency	\$43,026.60	Tax Collection	\$3,263,342.04
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$3,614.57	Flex Spending	\$2,730.08
Police Bond T & A	\$509.13		

2020 Millage Rates. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Smith, to levy the maximum allowable millage rates for 2020 for the Township and the Airport Authority as listed on the L-4029. The budget public hearing included the 2020 tax rates. **Attachment A.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Temporary Budget Location Change. Precinct 5 location will be temporarily changed to The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave due to Pilgrim Congregational Church being closed at the time of the November election.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Smith reported tax payments are due by 9/14 to avoid late fees. The current deputy treasurer has resigned, Smith will be looking for a replacement.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. Meeting to be held 9/14

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. Meeting to be held 9/14

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. 6 single-family residential permits were issued in August. There have been 33 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. North Lake Park update; production was delayed on the playground equipment. There was discussion on the Lincoln Nature trails, some of the boards are in need of replacement. We will have the maintenance department look at it.

Norbey reported that Lakeshore is using the outer parts of the Rocky Weed Complex for their cross country meets.

WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY. Meeting is Thursday.

Wastewater Rate Increase. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to increase the wastewater rate to the recommended 9.9% from Utility Financial Solutions based on the annual rate study that has been completed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments. None.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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