

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
November 10, 2020

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on October 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, and Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stacy Loar-Porter, Tom Norbey, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith, Richard Stauffer, and Rick Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Marc Florian.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

PRESENTATIONS.

Stauffer presented Trustee Tom Norbey with a plaque of appreciation for his time on the board as a trustee. Members of the Community Fun Day Committee spoke in appreciation of Norbey.

ADJUST AGENDA. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

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 October 13, 2020 with corrections to consent agenda motion and second.
2. Approve the 11/11/2020 and 10/28/2020 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 50,451.94
Parks Fund	11,828.82
Parks Capital Improvement	28,700.64
Cemetery Fund	1,682.09
Building Fund	7,737.86
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	28,963.04
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	0.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	101,241.91
Sewer Replacement	7,794.30
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	0.00
Water Improvement	0.00

Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
TOTAL	\$241,920.64

LIBRARY REPORT. Library Director reported they are continuing their virtual classes. They are working on options for younger patrons and ways to engage them more. They have launched a new events calendar; it is much more user friendly. Lincoln circulation was 8,505, total circulation was 14,953.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Drain Commission.

Drain Commissioner Chris Quatrain gave an update on the drain system by the Grand Mere Lakes (south, middle, north). The outlet that drains to Lake Michigan from the Grand Mere Lakes. They have been trying to keep the water level down, however where the water travels has been eroding , causing additional issues with lake levels and flooding in the North Lake Area, they have continued to clean the channel area and place a new rock wall to help keep the trash that comes in from the lake out, which helps keep the flow going. They are still working on getting the rate/flow sensors placed in to help monitor. The permits are with EGLE for possible improvements that would help keep the flooding down.

They would like to create more wetlands in the area to have the draining water fill the wetlands, then slowly and naturally release. They will continue to work on options that are both financially and physically fishable.

Appointments/Reappointments.

Board of Review. Motion Approved. Peterson moved, seconded by Stone, to approve appointments:

- Dave Boelcke to the Board of Review, term to expire 12/31/22.
- Jerry Kelly to the Board of Review, term to expire 12/31/22.
- Glenn Youngstedt to the Board of Review, term to expire 12/31/22.

CLERK'S REPORT.

October balances.

General	\$1,533,655.77	Road	\$258,706.03
Police	\$277,015.86	Parks	\$9,574.63
Cemetery	\$36,545.14	Street Lighting	\$43,574.76
Building	\$483,343.40	Police Drug	\$901.55
Township Improvement	\$174,913.67	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$252,622.99
Police Improvement	\$1,752.77	Park Improvement	\$121,142.02
Sewer Operating	\$1,122,954.50	Sewer Replacement	\$1,177,335.76
Sewer Improvement	\$655,440.20	Water Operating	\$20,275.16
Water Replacement	\$1,645,512.09	Water Improvement	\$5,939,785.99
Trust & Agency	\$291,870.05	Tax Collection	\$650,538.93
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$3,670.63	Flex Spending	\$4,084.34
Police Bond T & A	\$509.15		

Holiday Schedule and Meeting Schedule. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stauffer, to approve Holiday Dates and Meeting Dates for 2021. **Attachment A & B.**

November Election. Election went well. The Township had a 74.2% voter turnout. Had more voters vote

by absentee, then in person. The absentee counting board did a great job processing all the absentee ballots. We did not have any issues in the precincts, there were lines first thing in the morning, but no one waited more than thirty minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Smith reported interest earned year to date is \$ 53,294.33.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. Stauffer reported the Planning Commission set a public hearing for a special use permit for an outdoor sales facility for 12/7 at 6:00 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. Stauffer reported the ZBA set a public hearing for a variance on a setback request on Wilshire Terrace for 12/7 at 7:30 pm.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. 5 single-family residential permits were issued in September. There have been 41 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. The maintenance department will begin winterizing soon.

WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY. Smith stated the authority is meeting Thursday. The force main project is completed. The annual audit was completed and everything was clean. The Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Wastewater Treatment Plant received the Energy Efficiency Award.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments. None.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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