

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
October 13, 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: 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. Scott Dienes, Township Attorney (*virtually*), Dawn Lund, Township Rate Consultant (*virtually*).

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

PRESENTATIONS. None.

ADJUST AGENDA. None.

Mix Path Water Line.

Stauffer presented an estimate to have a water line installed on private road, Mix Path. The residents in October 2016 petitioned requesting the installment of a water line down their private path. However, the owner of the path would not grant the easement needed for the improvement. The owner has since passed away the residents of the path all now own the path. Due to this change they are again approaching the board with the request of a water line improvement for their private path. Improvements of this nature are done through the special assessment process.

Austin presented two options to the board:

- Total balance of project, paved work only in watermain area- \$270,000
- Total balance of project, entire paved area replaced- \$295,500

Stauffer stated he felt that the Township should bear some of the expense for the improvement. He stated he feels the ordinance has a provision to allow funds to be spent on such improvements. Lund and Austin stated that it is not unusual for a Township to contribute to some improvements if there is a benefit to the Township. Stauffer feels that improvement will aide the township system because it will complete the loop of the line in that area, that the area is a pocket that cannot access water from the lines around them.

Loar-Porter stated she is concerned of the precendence this would set and the Township, past water and/or sewer improvements have always been paid for through a special assessment funded by the residents it benefits.

Peterson, Smith and Norbey also questioned if this would cause issuses in the future. Peterson's main issue was the path is a private path and not the responsibility of the township to maintain or improve.

There was much disucussion on the improvement. Loar-Porter will work on providing a list of other areas that potential be in a similar situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED. Peterson moved, seconded by Florian 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		\$328,435.86

LIBRARY REPORT. Library Director reported the continuing there virtual classes, they have had a great response. They have begun accepting donation again. Circulation has been steady. They are preparing for any possible upcoming changes to protocols.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Mix Path. Moved to beginning of meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT.

September balances.

General	\$1,709,255.10	Road	\$258,675.27
Police	\$406,655.99	Parks	\$24,590.58
Cemetery	\$38,397.25	Street Lighting	\$43,562.66
Building	\$467,944.59	Police Drug	\$901.43
Township Improvement	\$174,826.38	Fire Dept. Improvement	\$252,404.73
Police Improvement	\$1,769.52	Park Improvement	\$118,900.47
Sewer Operating	\$1,208,596.47	Sewer Replacement	\$1,184,492.71
Sewer Improvement	\$655,304.77	Water Operating	\$54,805.50

Water Replacement	\$1,645,185.31	Water Improvement	\$5,938,572.28
Trust & Agency	\$44,085.60	Tax Collection	\$2,175,807.99
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$3,614.57	Flex Spending	\$4,928.16
Police Bond T & A	\$509.13		

2020 Street Light Special Assessments. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stone, to approve the 2020 Street Light District Special Assessments. **Attachment A.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

TREASURER’S REPORT. Smith reported interest earned year to date is \$ 50,660.35.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. Florian reported that the Planning Commission is moving forward with their plans/ideas for eco-friendly housing. They are being pro-active in their approach to the growing trend, eco-friendly housing is an economic and enviromently friendly solution for many. They are looking at locations within the Township that will fit this type of housing. They are being very cognizant of green space and open space in relation to these types of homes. This type of housing would require a special use permit, this will allow the Planning Commission to have standards and the ability to review them. There will be more information to come.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. No meeting.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. 3 single-family residential permits were issued in September. There have been 36 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 updated the project that was required by the state in regards to capital improvement plans being completed by Wightman and Associates, went over budget and the authority approved the exceeded amount needed.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments. None.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk