

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
May 11, 2021

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on May 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Rd, Stevensville, MI 49127.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Florian, Kevin Gillette, Stacy Loar-Porter, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith, Richard Stauffer, and Rick Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO, PRESENT: None.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

PRESENTATIONS. None.

ADJUST AGENDA.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

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

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021.
2. Approve the 5/12/2021 and 4/27/2021 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 59,180.73
Fire Fund	4,148.76
Parks Fund	16,410.08
Parks Capital Improvement	5,271.79
Cemetery Fund	7,551.14
Building Fund	16,621.91
Township Improvement Fund	4,011.56
Police Fund	45,425.72
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	1,684.37
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	15,469.40
Sewer Replacement	0.00
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	616.97
Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
TOTAL	\$176,391.83

LIBRARY REPORT. The Library Director gave update on recent events at the library. Currently they have the Lego Club exhibit, it is being completed through a virtual platform and it is going well. The Library had their first bag sale, there was not much walk-thru traffic, they are going to have quarterly bag sales in lieu of their usual large annual sale. They are now accepting book donations. Circulation for April was 14,128 and digital circulation was 20,978.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Drain Commission.

North Lake Park Channel is being dredged and the Drain Department is complying with all the Egle guidelines. They have to measure the sand they remove.

Appointments/Reappointments.

Appointment of Morrow to ZBA. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Gillette, to approve the appointment of Lawrence Morrow as an alternate to the ZBA, term to expire 12/31/22.

Berrien County Road Department

Notre Dame Paving. Smith, Florian and Stauffer, and members from the BCRD met with residents of Notre Dame Ave concerning the edge work that is being completed prior to the paving of the road. There was previous discussion of adding 3ft gravel edge to the road while the road was being paved to provide a walking area. After much discussion with residents and BCRD there was little benefit to the 3ft gravel. The BCRD does not maintain the gravel after it has been laid, which causes weeds and grass to grow into the gravel. Consensus was the added gravel would be more of a problem than a help.

There was discussion among the board about the future project of added gravel on Ridge Rd. We may need to reach out to the residents there, as the idea of gravel shoulders was suggested by the BCRD to the residents at an earlier public meeting concerning sidewalks/path alternatives.

CLERK'S REPORT.

March balances.

General	\$1,971,071.74	Road	\$407,402.74
Fire	341,039.23	Police	\$1,661,752.24
Parks	\$119,005.60	Cemetery	\$105,609.73
Street Lighting	\$47,025.28	Building	\$500,118.31
Police Drug Fund	\$902.69	Brownfield	\$178,100.51
Township Improvement	\$343,209.17	Fire Improvement	\$372,284.84
Park Improvement	\$1,755.90	Sewer Operating	\$1,470,181.00
Sewer Replacement	\$1,177,005.73	Sewer Improvement	\$657,353.78
Water Operating	\$55,661.27	Water Replacement	\$1,634,531.92
Water Improvement	\$5,845,235.31	Trust & Agency	\$9,693.71
T&A Delinquent Tax	\$12,1331.03	Tax Fund	\$13,679.87
Police Bond T & A	\$509.27	Flex Spending	\$2,362.37

April Cash balances will be presented at the June meeting.

The audit for 20/21 has begun. The auditors will be being working through May 21.

TREASURER'S REPORT. April investment interest will be available at the June meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. The Planning Commission is proceeding to work with Williams and Works for services in developing a zoning amendment to address eco-friendly dwellings.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. No meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board. Stauffer reported that Assessor John Baumann, passed his Level 4 Assessor exam.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. 10 single-family residential permits were issued in April. There have been 14 single family residential permits issued year-to-date.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT. Distributed to board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Distributed to the board by e-mail.

FIRE REPORT. Chief Chiarello provided the board with a report on fire calls and activity by the department for the month. Two of the trainees will be taking their written and physical tests soon. Pancake Breakfast drive thru is 5/16.

PARKS REPORT.

Kinney Property environmental evaluation. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve a proposal to have a Phase I environmental site assessment for the donated property prior to the Township taking the title. The expense not to exceed \$2,700.

The property is adjacent to Bosch and is part of the Super Fund Site. There are monitoring wells, and they have historically shown contaminated ground water, however they have not shown levels in the last several years. The evaluation needs to be completed for liability and to show the federal and state that you have completed the phase I assessment. The study will serve to show that the contamination preexisted the test and purchase of the property by the Township, and any possible future liability would reside with the person/company that caused the contamination.

Soccer Complex.

Construction on the new Cleveland entrance parking lot has begun, should be complete in 30 days.

Community Center Splash Pad.

Work on the sewer line needed for the project should begin soon.

WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY.

Meeting is this Thursday

Public Comments for items not on agenda. None.

Board Member Comments.

Chris Malich, resident, addressed the board on concerns that he was forced into retirement as a fire fighter from the Fire Department. He feels the call requirement policy is not being applied to the firefighter in a fair manner and he feels this will cause there to not be enough people for the fire department.

Chief Chiarello stated the call requirement policy has been in effect for as far back as 2000. He stated there were 5 fire fighters that received notice that they were falling short of the required call percentages. He stated in the last year the department's ISO rating has improved, response to call times

is the best they have been, and he feels the number of firefighters on the roster does not matter as much as that those that are on the roster are showing up and dedicated to making calls.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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