



Fire Fund	9,344.26
Parks Fund	2,972.84
Parks Capital Improvement	0.00
Cemetery Fund	1,502.82
Building Fund	15,189.63
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	41,721.31
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	0.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	221,515.86
Sewer Replacement	0.00
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	166,082.30
Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	0.00
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
Brownfield Fund	0.00
TOTAL	\$509,809.57

#### **AEP Franchise Ordinance.**

Mona Livingston, Community Affairs Manager, and Wesley Link, engineer, presented the updated franchise ordinance. The ordinance provides AEP the right to conduct business within the Township to construct and maintain facilities for electric service in the public Rights of Way, and holds the Township harmless from liability which may arise from such operation.

There was a question about burying lines underground. They explained it is cost prohibitive to bury any current overhead lines. Many new developments, the developer will choose to bury the lines, currently it is approximately \$500 per foot to bury lines. They also stated that the life of the line is shorter when buried underground and there is a much longer restoration time frame when underground wires are damaged. They stated AEP continues to look at future technology.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading to approve ordinance granting a revocable franchise to Indiana Michigan Power.**

**Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Stone, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance granting a revocable franchise to Indiana Michigan Power Company, its successors and assigns, for the right to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places of the Lincoln Charter Township, Berrien County, State of Michigan, and its successors, lines and appurtenant equipment for the transmission and distribution of electric energy to the Lincoln Charter Township, and the inhabitants thereof, and for the transmission and distribution of the same within, through and across said Lincoln Charter Township. *Ordinance # 22-01.*

**Attachment C.** Roll call vote: Ayes: Gillette, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

**LIBRARY REPORT.** The Library Board President Megan Yore-Norbey, reported upcoming events at the library. Yore-Norbey reported the exterior book drop scanner was replaced as the previous one reached the end of its life cycle. They continue their search for a new library director.

**NEW BUSINESS.** None.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.****OTHER ITEMS**

**Trash Passes. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Stone, to approve no charge trash days for April 2,9,16, and 23 with one pass per household, and for October 22 and 29 and November 5 and 12.

**Exit 23 Clean up.** Exit 23 clean ups are scheduled on Saturdays; April 23, July 16 and October 1. Those interested in helping can call Glenn Youngstedt at 269-861-0596 or at the Township Hall.

**Broadband.**

Stauffer is working with Berrien County on an application for broadband service in the areas in Lincoln Charter Township that are not currently serviced.

**CLERK'S REPORT.****February Balances.**

General	\$1,518,189.64	Road	\$138,482.29
Fire	\$75,101.27	Police	\$7,921.57
Parks	\$131,511.42	Cemetery	\$57,358.80
Street Lighting	\$47,673.16	Building	\$590,760.57
Police Drug Fund	\$904.93	Brownfield	\$169,079.51
Township Improvement	\$287,596.10	Fire Improvement	\$3,271.66
Police Improvement	\$4,394.61	Park Improvement	\$141,606.93
Sewer Operating	\$2,310,966.49	Sewer Replacement	\$1,179,420.12
Sewer Improvement	\$627,795.18	Water Operating	\$6,059.12
Water Replacement	\$1,636,748.60	Water Improvement	\$5,783,174.04
Trust & Agency	\$95,994.05	T&A Delinquent Tax	\$1,016.06
Tax Fund	\$4,728,363.36	Police Bond T & A	\$509.48
Flex Spending	\$1,594.29	ARPA Fund	\$276,765.27

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Smith reported 97.3% of the winter taxes and 98.5% of the summer taxes have been collected so far. Interested earned year to date is \$18,874.79. Smith will be complete tax settlement with the county withing a couple of weeks.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT.**

**2nd Reading to approve Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Add Regulations Concerning Eco-Friendly Housing. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Stone, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance to amend the compilation of ordinances of the Township to add regulations concerning eco-friendly housing *Ordinance # Z22-01. Attachment D.* Roll call vote: Ayes: Gillette, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT.** No meeting.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT.** Distributed to board.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT.** No single-family residential permits were issued in February. There have been 4 single family residential permits issued year-to-date.

**Approval of Building Permit Plan Review Fees. Motion Carried.** Gillette moved, seconded by

Peterson, to approve the Building Permit Fee schedule effective 4/1/2022. The fees have not been increased since 1997. There is now a plan review fee for residential projects over \$50,000 in value.  
**Attachment E.**

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT.** Distributed to board.

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

**FIRE REPORT.** Distributed to board.

**PARKS REPORT.** Parks will be open 4/1, weather pending. Engineer is finalizing the plans for the drainage work at the soccer complex.

**WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY.** Minutes provided to the board.

**Sewer.** Township Engineer reported the bids for televising of sewer lines is out. Once the bids are collected, they will be presented for approval at the next board meeting.

**Public Comments for items not on agenda.** Resident questioned status of Lincoln Beach. Lincoln beach will be opened, however there is no parking at this time due to safety. Possible redesign of a parking area will be included in the upcoming Park Improvement Plan, there are several restrictions by EGLE on the beach area due to the dunes.

**Board Member Comments.** None.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

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Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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