

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
June 14, 2022

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on June 14, 2022, 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, Deborah Peterson, Terrie Smith, Richard Stauffer, and Rick Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Mieras, Township Engineer.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

PRESENTATIONS. None.

ADJUST AGENDA. Loar-Porter requested the removal of the item for Mix Path Special Assessment. The residents have chosen to delay the project due to an anticipated 17% price increase in the project.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from the City of St. Joseph announcing a water rate increase of 7% effective September 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING. None.

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

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2022.
2. Approval of minutes for the Special meeting of May 20, 2022
3. Approve the 6/15/2022 and 5/27/2022 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 86,971.67
Fire Fund	13,289.24
Parks Fund	24,357.28
Parks Capital Improvement	22,195.82
Cemetery Fund	9,665.18
Building Fund	30,036.61
Township Improvement Fund	0.00
Police Fund	89,777.56
Police Drug	0.00
Police Capital Improvement	0.00
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	22,778.64
Sewer Replacement	0.00
Sewer Improvement	0.00
Water Enterprise	

Water Operating	19,212.22
Water Improvement	0.00
Road Fund	239,658.45
Fire Capital Improvement	0.00
Brownfield Fund	0.00
ARPA Fund	0.00
TOTAL	\$557,942.67

LIBRARY REPORT. The library staff member, MaryAnne Weir, presented the monthly library report. Patrons can now access Ancestry.com at the library through the library's account. The Summer Reading Program started this week. The Library Board will be conducting interviews soon for the Director position.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

MDOT

Stauffer reported on a meeting he and Chief Soper attended in regards to new sound barriers being placed along I-94. It is through MDOT and the Federal Government.

OTHER ITEMS

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

CLERK'S REPORT.

May Balances.

General	\$2,920,310.27	Road	\$414,991.35
Fire	\$387,562.85	Police	\$1,508,683.17
Parks	\$74,434.96	Cemetery	\$110,718.09
Street Lighting	\$37,235.52	Building	\$677,587.22
Police Drug Fund	\$905.23	Brownfield	\$278,880.03
Township Improvement	\$287,691.31	Fire Improvement	\$86,746.78
Police Improvement	\$4,395.84	Park Improvement	\$150,588.60
Sewer Operating	\$2,447,603.63	Sewer Replacement	\$1,280,090.16
Sewer Improvement	\$728,078.00	Water Operating	\$29,474.08
Water Replacement	\$1,637,351.83	Water Improvement	\$5,774,694.69
Trust & Agency	\$9,301.82	T&A Delinquent Tax	\$1,102.63
Tax Fund	\$24,133.36	Police Bond T & A	\$509.54
Flex Spending	\$3,556.73	ARPA Fund	\$106,404.00

TREASURER'S REPORT. Smith reported interest earned year to date is \$3,417.40. Summer taxes will go out July 1st and will be due on February 14th.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. No Meeting.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. No Meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board. Baumann reported to the board we will need to keep a watch on revenues, as taxable values will be capped at 5% for the first time since Proposal A.

Analysis shows the current average CPI to be at 5.86% with only five more months of reporting remaining in 2022.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. 1 single-family residential permits were issued in May. There have been 18 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. Distributed to board.

PARKS REPORT.

Splash Pad

The larger water line is in and complete, plumber is scheduled to complete hook up Friday 6/17. Vortex will be here on Monday 6/20 to run the test and set programming.

Smith reported she will email the board parking lot layout design ideas to review this week. Please let her know your thoughts and suggestions.

WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY. Smith sent the board a copy of the approved budget.

Smith reported there will be a wastewater treatment cost increase.

Township engineer reported the work to replace lift station # 14 will begin soon. They plan to attempt to use trenchless technology.

Public Comments for items not on agenda. A representative from Community Fun Day asked about the timing on the new parking lot at the Community Center, Smith stated she would keep the committee abreast of the construction timeline.

Board Member Comments. Florian thanked maintenance for getting the no parking and boat trailer parking signs up at North Lake Park. Parking is still an issue and the design may need to be reviewed in the future.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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