

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2022

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR RICHARD STAUFFER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION IN REGARDS TO SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION IN LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP.

Notice was posted October 17, 2022.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on October 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Rd, Stevensville, MI 49127.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loar-Porter, Peterson, Stauffer and Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gillette, Florian and Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: John Baumann, Township Assessor.

Baumann presented the map completed in a study done through Berrien County that depicts the areas of the Township that are not served or underserved. There are two areas in the township; southeast side and southwest lakeshore side. There are approximately 130 parcels in the two areas. The southeast area is a priority area, the southwest side would be completed if there is enough funding. This area has a much larger cost to installation due to the terrain.

The installation includes the 300 feet of co axial from the road to the home. However, there are approximately 20 parcels that would need installation past the allotted 300 feet included in the cost. There was discussion if ARPA funds could be used for this, Stauffer and Baumann will confirm.

Stauffer stated the current estimated cost of installation for the southeast area is \$850,000. This does not include the added cost for the 20 homes that need lines past the allotted 300 feet.

Berrien County has not stated how much they are granting to each municipality, that will be decided during the grant application review process. The applications are due by 10/31 and require a resolution of financial support by the jurisdiction.

There was discussion on the amount Lincoln Charter Township is willing to commit to this grant as their match. The consensus of the board was a 25% match not to exceed a total of \$200,000.

Approval of Resolution of Support. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve the Resolution Approving Support for the Broadband Expansion in Lincoln Charter Township, with a financial contribution of 25% match not to exceed a total of \$200,000. *Resolution 22-6.*

Attachment A. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Loar-Porter, Peterson, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.