

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR DICK STAUFFER TO REVIEW MAIDEN LANE SEWER AGREEMENT.

Notice was posted September 11, 2023.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on September 12, 2023 at 2:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Rd, Stevensville, MI 49127.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gillette (2:13 pm), Florian, Loar-Porter, Peterson (2:09 pm), Smith, Stauffer and Stone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Scott Dienes, Township Engineer Brandon Mieras, and Township Utility Rate Consultant Marc Beauchamp.

**Closed Session. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Florian, for the Board of Trustees to go into closed session as authorized under Section 8(h) of the Open Meeting, being Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976 at 2:09 p.m. to consult with the Township Attorney regarding a written legal opinion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gillette, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Stone, Smith, and Stauffer. Nays: none.

**Close Closed Session. Motion Carried.** Smith moved, seconded by Loar-Porter, to close the closed session at 3:57 p.m.

**Direct Township Council Response. Motion Carried.** Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stone, to direct Township legal counsel to respond to mediator Steve Mann and SJCT attorney. The understanding of Lincoln Charter Township Board was the terms of the agreement were settled at the meeting held in June 2023 at Lincoln Charter Township Hall, therefore this board does not accept the proposed revisions submitted by SJCT on 8/24/23. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Gillette, Florian, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone.

**Seek Alternative routes for sewer. Motion Carried.** Florian moved, seconded by Peterson, to direct Township Engineer to calculate the expense to install a lift station along Maiden Lane that would pump the sewerage through the Township's sewer line to the interceptor, avoiding the need for SJCT Lift Station # 12. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Gillette, Florian, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone.

**Complete financial & rate impact. Motion Carried.** Stone moved, seconded by Gillette, to direct UFS to complete a financial and rate impact on the sewer improvement plan provided by Township Engineer. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Gillette, Florian, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.