

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2018

Purpose of the meeting: Regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Township Board.

Members Present: Mark Major, Mike Friesner, Beccy Friesner, Tammy Babcock, Theresa Gherna-Ankney, Doug Kuhlman, Dale Hutson, Rhonda Wright

Members Absent: Melissa Major, Paul Bungart

Call to order: The September 10, 2018 meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Major at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Major lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Mike made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Approval of Minutes: Tammy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 13, 2018 as presented. Mike seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Southern Michigan Bank and Trust:

Tina Cronkhite, Assistant Vice President and Regional Manager, with Southern Michigan Bank and Trust attended the meeting to share ideas of the FDIC. Very few claims are actually made to the FDIC when a financial institution becomes illiquid, most are acquired by another financial institution. Government entities have slightly more coverage than an individual investor. She provided examples to show the coverage available to government entities. All accounts held at SMB&T earn interest.

Ennis & Virginia Wickey Cottage Industry:

The planning commission held a meeting on 8/28/2018 regarding the request by Ennis & Virginia Wickey to have a special use permit issued. The property is currently zoned as agricultural however they would like to open a cottage industry for a scratch and dent store. The original plans did not have parking spots nor a bathroom which would be required for a business. The owner has now complied with the requirements for a special use permit. Doug asked the township board to approve this request. Mike made a motion to issue a special use permit as recommended by the planning commission. Theresa seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Theresa-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Mark-Yes, Mike-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Enforcement Officer Report:

- A. The zoning permit log shows 21 permits have been requested and approved year to date. One request was incomplete, one was forwarded to the planning commission and one has been forwarded to the zoning board of appeals.
- B. Two bids have been received for the demolition of 56571 Wilbur Road. Tammy, Mike and Paul feel that even though Adams Excavating's bid is \$300 higher than Rusk Excavating's bid, the bid should be awarded to Adams because he is a township resident and this would encourage them to submit bids in the future. Tammy made a motion to have Adams Excavating with a bid of \$10,250 complete the project. Paul seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Theresa-Yes, Paul-Yes, Mark-Yes, Mike-Yes, Tammy-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Assessors Report: Dale reported that his office has been quiet and they are just working on normal paperwork at this time.

Treasurers Report and Bills:

- A. Mike reported the following monthly cash statement. Checking balance \$1,285.88 with \$70,289.39 transferred from SMB account, and checks drawn in the amount of \$70,380.18. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$1,962.52. Balance of accounts to date are checking account \$1,285.88; SMB savings account \$388,863.08 (\$92,000 for fire truck fund, includes S.O.M. revenue sharing \$47,436.00); Flagstar savings account \$250,545.88; Horizon Bank CD \$179,742.49; Kellogg Community Credit Union CD \$76,252.31; Three Rivers Banking Center CD \$112,179.00; and Southern Michigan Escrow account \$12,263.00 for a total of \$1,021,131.64. Tammy made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, file the report and pay the bills. Paul seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Community Development-Mark and Theresa attended the meeting. MDOT project was discussed. MDOT wants the county to put in a drain around the US 131/M 60 interchange. This will be funded 100% by the State of Michigan. Mark will contact MDOT to give support to the project. Fabius Township currently pays \$50,000 to the library and would like a right to vote as a representative of the library board. Beccy said she is pursuing why we have not received any of the penal fees that are due the township.
- B. Intergovernmental Relations-Paul attended the meeting. The Chamber reported on upcoming events of the Lake and Home Tour will be July 14th, Political Forum on July 31st, Golf Outing on August 21st, and Murder Mystery Dinner on September 29th. Constantine reported they held their annual golf outing on June 9th. The City of Three Rivers reported five new doctors have started practice in the area.
- C. ZBA-No meeting this month.
- D. Elections-Tammy reported 169 absentee voter ballots have been sent. The accuracy test will be done on July 11 at 7 p.m. Election inspectors for the August primary have been approved.
- E. Nottawa Library-Mike reported there are 29,642 items in the collection, the computer usage was 238, monthly circulation 6,131, Audiobooks—Children 232, OverDrive 243, Interlibrary loan 412, there are 2,329 total patrons. Lockport patrons checked out 691 items by 223 people in June. The next meeting will be July 23 at 4:00 p.m.
- F. Centreville Fire Department-Mark reported that Chief Loker has retired as of 7-9-2018. There were 9 fire/rescue runs for the month of June. The jaws of life have been repaired.
- G. Planning-No meeting this month.
- H. SCMCCI-No meeting this month.
- I. Three Rivers Library-Paul attended the meeting and reported not all the current library books will be moved to the new library because of lack of room. The library will hold a book sale. There have been 21 children's programs offered with 229 attending. In September a program for adults wanting to learn more about technology items will be offered.
- J. Water Department-Mark reported that Joe Nowicki has been sworn in as the newest water board member. The 2018/2019 budget was approved by the water board. With the recent changes to in house accounts payables and accounts receivables, the budget for accounting services will be more accurate each month going forward for the next year. Tammy made a motion to accept the 2018/2019 water board budget. Mike seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Paul-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Mike-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Mark-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- K. Website-Nothing to report this month.

State Representative Aaron Miller:

- A. Representative Miller reported the house is on summer break right now.
- B. He is working on some local issues.
- C. The economic outlook for the State looks good. There has been an upswing each year with modest growth. The auto industry has been the back bone of our state in the past, however this is becoming more diversified with other industries.
- D. Mark asked about the potential for a state licensing fee for kayaks. So far this is not going to happen.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 13, 2018 at the Township hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Rhonda Wright

Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: