

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 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, Paul Bungart, Dale Hutson, Rhonda Wright

Members Absent: Melissa Major, Douglas Kuhlman

Call to order: The August 13, 2018 meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Major at 7:01 pm.

Mark Major lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Tammy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mike seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Approval of Minutes: Tammy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 9, 2018 as presented. Mike seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Public Comments:

A. Charlene Zavala thanked Mike and Beccy for attending the detachment petition approval meeting at the courthouse today. There are flaws with the petitions, but the persons involved with this process will be pursuing correcting the flaws. The deadline to have this item placed on the November ballot is tomorrow meaning if the corrected petitions were to be approved; a special election date would be needed. Mike also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

B. Yolanda Doleman asked about the gravel covering South River Road. Mark referred her to speak with the County Road Commission.

Southern Michigan Bank and Trust:

Tina Cronkhite was unable to attend this month's meeting but will attend the September meeting. Mike provided certificate of deposit rates for municipalities.

Enforcement Officer Report:

No report.

Assessors Report:

Dale explained that in February 2000 the board agreed to annexation of properties located on Hoffman Road and around 4th Avenue with the City of Three Rivers. As of this year, the annexation was not completed so the City has filed with the state tax commission to annex the properties beginning in 2019. He does have a spreadsheet that shows information like this annexation and would be willing to provide the board with a copy.

Treasurers Report and Bills:

Mike reported the following monthly cash statement.

Checking balance \$1,286.38 with \$98,105.92 transferred from SMB account, and checks drawn in the amount of \$98,105.92. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$3,926.18. Balance of accounts to date are checking account \$1,286.38; SMB savings account \$292,050.22 (\$92,000 for fire truck fund); Flagstar savings account \$250,814.89; Horizon Bank CD \$180,007.35;

Kellogg Community Credit Union CD \$76,252.31; Three Rivers Banking Center CD \$112,320.38; and Southern Michigan Escrow account \$12,263.00 for a total of \$924,994.53. Tammy made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, file the report and pay the bills. Mark seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Community Development-Mark and Theresa attended the meeting. Fabius Township reported they have had problems with the drainage systems around the area lakes due to heavy rains this year. Glen Oaks Community College will have a millage request on the November ballot. The City of Three Rivers has concerns that they have the highest number of parolees living within the city limits as compared to other areas within the county. This has caused an increase in their policing budget.
- B. Intergovernmental Relations-Paul attended the meeting. The Chamber reported on upcoming events of the Manufacturers Round table on August 14th, the Chamber Golf Outing on August 21st, a Murder Mystery Dinner on September 29th, and the annual Chamber Dinner on October 3rd at Cowboy Up. Centreville reported there will be a new day care center opening in the future and the fire department will be looking at a millage request. Park township reported they had a power outage during the primary election and will be looking at purchasing a generator. Constantine's annual Harvest Fest will be in September.
- C. ZBA-No meeting this month.
- D. Elections-Tammy reported there were 501 people who voted in person and 185 absentee ballots for a total of 686 voters. This is 23% of the registered voters within the Township. She informed the board that we do have access to generators if needed, but would like to purchase lanterns in the future.
- E. Nottawa Library-Mike reported there were 2,352 total patrons in the month of July, Lockport had 758 checkouts in July, interlibrary loans were 368, 151 people participated in the Zoo-to-You program, and 3,785 was the people count for the month. The next meeting will be September 24th at 4:00 pm.
- F. Centreville Fire Department-Mark reported that David Miracle is the new fire chief and Bryan Balk is the assistant chief. The jaws of life have been fixed and the department only had to pay for the cost of parts not labor. The rescue truck has been red tagged and can no longer be used. The rescue equipment has been divided up between other trucks. The department is looking at options to replace the rescue truck until they can purchase a new pumper/rescue unit. The three municipalities (Village, Lockport and Nottawa Townships) pay a percentage based on a ten year average of calls for each area. Lockport pays the smallest percentage based on these numbers.
- G. Planning-No meeting this month.
- H. SCMCCI-Ed reported the new single server computer system has been installed and all units are working well. Pavilion Township in Kalamazoo County is in line to become a new member of SCMCCI. FireKeepers Casino has indicated a desire to build a second hotel tower in the near future, and will use SCMCCI for permits and inspections. Board members learned that individual health insurance costs will increase, but a significant savings on liability insurance was found with a different agency. Communications from two SCMCCI inspectors were referred to the Finance Committee as the main topic of each was compensation and 2018 tax reform potential impact. A meeting is set for August 21st. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26th at 5:30 pm.
- I. Three Rivers Library-Paul attended the meeting and reported the Director has not had any communications with the contractor hired to provide plans and specs and costs for the new library. The Library will be closed for three days in September for rearrangement of books and sorting out any books to be removed from circulation. The City of Three Rivers owns the

majority of the library with the Townships of Fabius, Park and Lockport owning the other part. The Library board indicated they are in favor of the Townships having a voting right, but the City board is not in favor since they are the majority owner. Paul said that Lockport township is charged a flat fee each year instead of the fee being based on the amount of penal fees paid. He will be reviewing this payment scale.

J. Water Department-Mark reported the water system is running efficiently at this time. Since only 21 people paid their quarterly bill in person, the collection hours may be adjusted in the future. There are two payments left on the bond. There will be an increase in water usage fee to \$1.63 in September. He reported that Dave had spoke with Hughes Net regarding internet access at the hall, however Frontier contacted Mark and said they are working on providing internet service within the next couple of weeks. Tammy said she has concerns about the postcard billing and the possibility the cards will be lost by the post office or misplaced by the customers. The board is working on having alternative payment types to help customers make payments more efficiently and timely. The goal is by the end of this year to offer ACH payments, credit card payments and have a drop box installed.

K. Website-Changes are being made to the website content.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Mark provided information on purchasing new audience chairs. Paul made a motion to purchase 10 Bertolini-Hybrid arm chairs at the cost \$63.95 plus shipping per chair. Mike second the motion. Roll call vote: Theresa-Yes, Mike-Yes, Paul-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Mark-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

B. The township hall has been sprayed for bugs at the cost of \$150.

C. Tammy was contacted by a salesperson for an AED machine. She informed him we already owned a machine, however there may be a possible recall for this particular machine in the near future.

Adjournment: Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 10, 2018 at the Township hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Rhonda Wright
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: