

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2019

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

Members Present: Mark Major, Melissa Major, Mike Friesner, Beccy Friesner, Theresa Gherna-Ankney, Paul Bungart, Rhonda Wright

Members Absent: Tammy Babcock, Doug Kuhlman

Call to order: The April 8, 2019 meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Major at 6:58 p.m.

Mark Major lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes: Mike made a motion to accept the March 11, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Paul seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Public Comments:

- A. Ben Karle, 56814 Feather Court, addressed the board about an e mail he sent a couple months ago regarding installing sidewalks on Buckhorn Road and Lovers Lane. With the building of the Sports Complex, he feels that sidewalks are needed for three reasons. The first being the safety of children walking to and from the Sports Complex. Sidewalks would decrease the carbon footprint of this area and also would allow access to the River Crossings strip mall. Mark will make some inquiries to the installation of sidewalks.
- B. Annette Thurman and Keith Wilson, 58773 Pine Trail, informed the Board that their mother's home located on Pine Trail recently burned down and is a total loss. After the insurance has completed their investigation, they will be removing the debris and rebuilding the home.

Enforcement Officer Report: No enforcement report.

Assessors Report:

- A. Dale provided the current year assessment report notebook. This report is for public review if requested.

Treasurers Report and Bills:

- A. Mike reported the following monthly cash statement.
Checking balance \$1,070.17 with \$123,850.43 transferred from SMB account and checks drawn in the amount of \$123,850.43. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$1,910.11. Balance of accounts to date are checking account \$1,070.17; SMB savings account \$197,610.99 (\$92,000 for fire truck fund); Flagstar savings account \$253,145.35; Horizon Bank CD \$182,097.12; Kellogg Community Credit Union CD \$76,739.83; and Three Rivers Banking Center CD \$112,603.66 for a total of \$823,267.12. Mark made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, file the report and pay the bills. Paul seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

NSF Check Resolution:

- A. Mike presented the Board with a Resolution Establishing Non-Sufficient Funds Fee for approval. This past year while collecting tax payments there has been an increase in NSF

checks. Paul said several years ago there was the same resolution passed. The approval of this resolution was tabled until next month until Mark can contact the township Attorney to obtain a copy.

Committee Reports:

- A. **Community Development-** Theresa reported that Dave Shannon, CEO at Three Rivers Health, spoke at this meeting. He was asked what can be done so Three Rivers Health stays open and able to provide essential services. He reported enhanced chemotherapy treatment, a detox center and a possible stem cell clinic may be coming in the near future. The wound clinic is starting to turn around and surgeries have increased. As of May 1, 2019, a new Emergency Room Doctor group will be taking over. The HealthTrac is losing money, but they have made cuts to hours, staff and programs offered.
- B. **Intergovernmental Relations-**Paul attended the meeting and reported the Administrative Assistant's luncheon will be April 24th, Manufacturer's Roundtable will be May 16th, and the Water Fest will be June 13th-15th. Dave Shannon also attending this meeting and reported the same as above. Park Township has a new ZBA appointment and has purchased new air packs for the fire department.
- C. **ZBA-**No report this month.
- D. **Elections-**No report this month.
- E. **Nottawa Library-**Mike reported during the month of March total patrons were 2,394, monthly circulation 5,873, OverDrive 306, Interlibrary loan 391, Hoopla 64, people count 3,230, and Lockport patrons checked out 370.
- F. **Centreville Fire Department-**No report this month.
- G. **Planning-** No report this month.
- H. **SCMCCI-**No report this month.
- I. **Three Rivers Library-** Paul reported the library will have a budget shortfall, even without the new library. Lead base paint removal in the new building will be \$9,950. Some board members feel fundraising should happen before bonds are issued. The Librarian looking into fundraising ideas. There will be a special meeting April 23rd at 6:00 pm in regards to the new library and the bid process. An additional \$20,000 will be needed for fire suppression in the new building. The windows will be replaced in the phase 2 construction process. Within seven years the roof will also need to be replaced.
- J. **Water Department-** Mark reported the water board voted to improve two driveways and install a driveway at well 2. Well 2 meter needs to be replaced which the board also approved.
- K. **Website-**Melissa reported that updates have been made to the website.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

- A. Mark brought up that the township should have liability insurance policies from people (companies) who snow plowing, lawn mowing, etc. Mark will ask the township Attorney for her opinion regarding these policies.

Adjournment: Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is May 13, 2019 at the Township hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/
Rhonda Wright
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05-13-2019