

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2019

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, David Cooper, Doug Kuhlman, Dale Hutson, Rhonda Wright

Members Absent: Melissa Major

Call to order: The August 12, 2019 meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Major at 7:00 p.m.

Mark 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: Mike made a motion to accept the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Public Comments:

- A. Del Eastes, 56825 Bow Drive, asked the Board if they knew what roads in the Tamarac Subdivision would be repaired next year. The Board does not make recommendations until Spring. Apache, Comanche and Buffalo were considered this year. The County Road Commission does a traffic count for certain roads each year and provides the Board with this information.

CTE Millage:

- A. Teresa Belote, ISD Superintendent, shared information on the upcoming countywide CTE millage proposal in November. The proposal is for a 1.0 millage. The CTE program is now run as a consortium with all districts expect Nottawa, Colon and Burr Oak participating.

Enforcement Officer Report:

- A. Doug reported there is not a lot of activity for zoning permits at this time.
- B. The planning board approved text amendments that require the Township Board to approve or deny. Mike made a motion to accept the text amendments to sections 95.402 (A) (B), 95.112, 95.1600, and 95.1500 as recommended by the Planning Board. Tammy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mike-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Dave-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Mark-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- C. The planning board approved rezoning of properties located on North Main Street from service commercial to single family residential. The Township Board will need to approve or deny the rezoning. Tammy made a motion to accept the planning board recommendation to rezone the properties in question from service commercial to single family residential. Mike seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dave-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Mark-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Mike-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- D. Doug provided a copy of the e mail response from SCMCCI regarding the new construction on Birchleaf Court. Doug also contacted the Township attorney who indicated there is not a lot of options to force the owner to complete the project in a timely manner. The Township cannot make decisions against those of the County or State government. Doug and Mark will contact the county road commission about the additional proposed driveways.

- E. A Township owned property on Ash Road that may be removed in the future needs to have an open doorway secured. Mike will secure the doorway at this time.

Representative Aaron Miller:

- A. Representative Miller shared with the Board that the disagreement between parties over road repairs is holding up the budget approval. The gas tax increase passed six years ago does not cover what is currently being spent to fix roads. The Governor has proposed an additional .45 gas tax. He said an increase to the sales tax rate requires voter approval.

Assessors Report:

- A. Dale presented a proposal to purchase a Pivot Point software system for his office to use for field work. The annual cost for the software is \$789.25. The Township would own the software and Dale would own the equipment used for the software. Mike made a motion to table until the September meeting. Tammy seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Treasurers Report and Bills:

- A. Mike reported the following monthly cash statement.
Checking balance \$417.69 with \$35,345.34 transferred from SMB account and checks drawn in the amount of \$35,345.34. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$412.50. Balance of accounts to date are checking account \$417.69; SMB savings account \$396,590.17 (\$92,000 for fire truck fund); Flagstar savings account \$254,323.52; Horizon Bank CD \$183,494.00; Kellogg Community Credit Union CD \$77,107.78; Three Rivers Banking Center CD \$113,490.12, Southern Michigan Bank CD \$50,000.00 and SMB escrow account \$1.34 for a total of \$1,075,424.62. Tammy made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, file the report and pay the bills. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- B. Online banking at Southern Michigan Bank has been set up.

Board of Review:

- A. Appointments to the Board of Review should have been made in January. The appointments are for two years, with reappointment on the odd year. Tammy made a motion to appoint Louella Hamilton, Charles Ross, Jim Tolfree and Joe Nowicki (alternative) to a two-year position for the years 2019-2021. Theresa seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dave-Yes, Mike-Yes, Mark-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Theresa-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Frontier:

- A. Tammy presented a notice from Frontier regarding extension of the existing METRO Act Permit. Mike made a motion to accept the extension with an expiration date of 1/20/2025. Theresa seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dave-Yes, Mike-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Mark-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Community Development-Mark reported the City of Three Rivers and Grace Healthcare is still in talks about the City providing a sewer line. The concerns the City had with the number of probationers remaining in the area after leaving the center has declined by 47%. Culvers restaurant will be opening in Three Rivers in the near future. Bronson Medical Office will be building a new office on US 131. The Village of Constantine is looking into having their own sewer treatment plant again. Memory Isle bridge is being replaced at a cost of \$500,000. The City of Three Rivers is also paying for the cost of repairs to a property on Portage Avenue.
- B. Intergovernmental Relations-Tammy reported the Chamber golf outing will be held August 20th and the Chamber annual dinner will be October 2nd at Covered Bridge Park. Three Rivers Health will be opening a new infusion clinic and a detox clinic. There is a county wide CTE

millage vote in November and the City of Three Rivers will be voting for the mayoral position. The Village of Centreville reported a possible ban on vehicles that haul travel trailers to park during the week. Fabius Township passed a fireworks ordinance. The Village of Constantine reported the hardware store and Elke's restaurant will be closing. A car wash will be opening soon and in 2021 bridge work on Business US 131 will be completed.

- C. ZBA-No report this month.
- D. Elections- Tammy attended an absentee voter ballot training.
- E. Nottawa Library-Mike reported during the month of July total patrons were 2,428, monthly circulation 6,521, OverDrive 322, Interlibrary loan 348, Hoopla 80, and people count 4,026. Lockport patrons were 534.
- F. Centreville Fire Department-Mark reported there are four members in the officer class and four members in a Narcan class. Unit 111 is out of service for brakes and unit 121 because water chutes are out of order. Construction of a new station on the existing spot would not be an option because of the lot size. They are putting a new station on hold for now. There will be a representative at the next meeting about possibly financing a new truck and possible new jaws of life equipment.
- G. Planning-see report in above enforcement officer items
- H. SCMCCI-Ed reported at the July meeting they welcomed new member Marengo Township, bringing SCMCCI membership to 12 municipalities. Both offices have been very busy with permit issuances and inspection scheduling and processing. Athens office continues to work with Firekeepers Casino expansion and the Village of Vicksburg has contracted with SCMCCI for the "Mill Project". In old business, discussion continues regarding inspector pay and inspection fee and permit fees. In new business, the board addressed employee issues in the Tuscola office. The next meeting will be September 25th at 5:30 pm.
- I. Three Rivers Library- Char reported there was a special meeting on July 10 to discuss fundraising ideas. They would like more information before making any decisions. The regular meeting included additional cost items for the construction of the new library. The library is looking for people be a part of the fundraising committee.
- J. Water Department-Mark read a letter of resignation from board member Lorrie Witt. Joe Nowicki has talked with Park Township supervisor Ed English about appointing a new board member. Price estimates for both cellular service at the tower and wells and for natural gas came in higher than expected so the board has chosen to stay with current systems.
- K. Website-The FOIA form has been updated with current contact information. Tammy asked that upcoming November election information be added to the site.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

- A. Mike made a motion to adopt resolution 01-2019 to purchase properties at the tax sale be approved. Theresa seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dave-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Mike-Yes, Mark-Yes, Tammy-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Adjournment: Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 9, 2019 at the Township hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Rhonda Wright

Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: 9-9-2019