

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2020

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

Members Present: Mark Major, Mike Friesner, Theresa Gherna-Ankney, David Cooper, Doug Kuhlman, Dale Hutson, Rhonda Wright

Members Absent: Tammy Babcock, Melissa Major

Call to order: The January 13, 2020 meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Major at 7:02 p.m.

Mark lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Mike made a motion to accept the agenda as amended to add guest John Lindsey, St. Joseph County Road Commission Manager, to public comments. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Approval of Minutes: Mike made a motion to accept the December 9, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Public Comments:

- A. The following people addressed the Board.
 - 1. John Harmon, 17721 Hoshel Rd.
 - 2. John Lindsey, St. Joseph County Road Commission Manager, presented paved federal-aid road condition statistics from 2007 thru 2017, the summary of rural mileage in St. Joseph County as of January 1, 2018, and report from MTA regarding Township funds used on local road projects. Roads in Lockport Township scheduled for repairs in 2020 include Holtom Road, Lutz Road, Covered Bridge Road, South Fisher Lake Road, Crescent Beach Road, Seekle Road, and Wilbur Road.

Seber Tans:

- A. Ben Walker with Seber Tans presented the Township audit for the year ending June 30, 2019.

Construction Update:

- A. Tony Mayer, Birchleaf Court, gave an update on his new home construction. He is working on the house full time now. All the work will be inside the house. He has finished removing the brush and raking the yard from the trees that had been taken down. The logs are still on the property.

Enforcement Officer Report:

- A. Doug provided the Board with the 2019 Zoning Administration Permit Log. There were 39 permits requested with one forwarded to the Planning Commission. Eleven new homes have been constructed in the Township.
- B. Doug provided the 2019 zoning permits issued by Jurisdiction report.
- C. The City of Three Rivers has rejected the PA 425 offer for North Main Street property made by the Township. He will provide further information at next month's meeting.
- D. A change in leadership in 2016 at the County Animal Control resulted in them now wanting exception use permits signed for people that have animals that do not conform with current zoning compliance. This has led to much discussion with current township supervisors and a

possible new ordinance implemented. At this time the new ordinance has only been passed in White Pigeon Township. Doug is asking for input from the public because of negative outpouring of the writing of the new ordinance. More information will follow at future meetings.

- E. Jim Dickey, 56229 Woodridge Dr, addressed the board with concerns about his neighbor's property. The owner is the brother to Mike Haydon, code enforcement officer. Doug will talk with the Township Attorney for suggestions on how to proceed (i.e. amended ordinance, etc.).

Assessors Report:

- A. Dale reported the Board of Review will meet March 9th and 11th at the Township hall.
- B. Dale will be forwarding information to the Township Attorney regarding the property lines on Pine Trail. The property lines for approximately 14 properties are in question.

Treasurers Report and Bills:

- A. Mike reported the following monthly cash statement.
Checking balance \$1,103.29 with \$52,059.75 transferred from SMB account and checks drawn in the amount of \$52,059.75. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$0.00. Balance of accounts to date are checking account \$1,103.29; SMB savings account \$317,190.58 (\$92,000 for fire truck fund; \$60,411 SOM revenue sharing); Flagstar savings account \$255,766.11; Horizon Bank CD \$185,400.95; Kellogg Community Credit Union CD \$77,684.98; Kellogg Community Credit Union savings account \$5.00, Three Rivers Banking Center CD \$114,239.59, Southern Michigan Bank CD \$50,529.66 and SMB escrow account \$1.34 for a total of \$1,001,921.50. Mark made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, file the report and pay the bills. Dave seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Level 3 Communications:

- A. Tammy received a right-of-way telecommunication permit request from Level 3 Communications. After review from the Township Attorney, Mike made a motion to approve the Metro Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications permit with Level 3 Communications. Theresa seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dave-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Mike-Yes, Mark-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Committee Reports:

- A. Community Development-No meeting this month.
- B. Intergovernmental Relations-No report this month.
- C. ZBA-No meeting this month
- D. Elections- Rhonda reported AV applications have been mailed and the ballots for the March election are scheduled to be mailed to the clerk's January 25th. There will be a clerks meeting February 5th. An election training will take place February 11th and training for uploading election results will be held February 18th.
- E. Nottawa Library-Mike reported during the month of December total patrons were 2,491, monthly circulation 4,611, Interlibrary loan 461, OverDrive 270, Hoopla 80, and the people count was 2,782. Lockport had 4,980 checkouts in 2019. Next board meeting will be January 27th at 4:00 pm.
- F. Centreville Fire Department-Mark reported there were 9 calls for the month of December with two calls in Lockport Township. The department is still working on specifications and pricing for a new fire truck. The dump chutes have been repaired on pumper #121.
- G. Planning-No meeting this month. Next meeting January 16th.
- H. Three Rivers Library-See attached report
- I. Water Department-Mark reported the audit showed favoring numbers since the operations and billing department have been moved in house. EGLE will be meeting with the operator

and board members on January 23rd. This is a required inspection normally done every one to two years.

- J. Website-No report this month.
- K. Building Committee-Dave reported he is waiting on an estimate for installation of the night deposit box.
- L. Roads Committee-Mark, Mike and Del Eastes travelled area roads to determine which roads should be repaired for the coming year. Mike made a motion to forward option 2 to the County Road Commission for repairs. This would include Buffalo Dr, Navajo Trl, Puma Dr, Comanche Trl, Apache Trl, and Cherokee Trl at an estimated cost of \$227,000. Theresa seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dave-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Mark-Yes, Mike-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business.

Adjournment: Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 10, 2020 at the Township hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Rhonda Wright
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: 2-10-2020