

**LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
58982 Holtom Rd. Three Rivers, MI  
February 12, 2024

**Members Present:** Mark Major, Mike Friesner, Christy Trammell, Rick Daniels & Donna Grubbs.  
Also present: Doug Kuhlman, Dale Hutson, Elena Meadows, Jimmy Meadows & Beccy Friesner

**Members Absent:** none

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Major at 6:00p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Friesner made a motion to accept the agenda, Daniels seconded the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Daniels made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included: January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Cash Statement, Three Rivers Library Report, Nottawa Library Report, Water Board Report, Centreville Fire Chief's Report for December, and Web Site Report. Grubbs seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**Public Comments:**

Theresa Gherna-Ankney commented regarding the potential annexation and City's water quality  
Char Zavala commented regarding the proposed 425 and requested meetings be on Youtube and a newsletter be in the water bills.

Tom Miller lives on Buckhorn across from the field where the proposed housing would be going and expressed concern.

Reggie Chapman informed everyone of an Election Action Summit that will be held on 2/17/24.  
Undersheriff Jason Bingaman provided an update on the Sheriff's Department and presented on his campaign for Sheriff.

**Increase Credit Card Limit:** The township has a credit card through Kellogg Community Credit Union with a \$2,000 limit for the Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer. With the new requirements for postage for the elections, the card hit that limit quickly. Trammell recommended the limit be increased to \$5,000. Grubbs made a motion to increase the credit limit to \$5,000 on the credit card at Kellogg Community Credit Union. Daniels seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**Enforcement Officer's Report:** Kuhlman provided a written report and noted that there are 4 new houses being built in the township. He also noted that a 425 request was received from the City regarding property located on N. Main St. 2.67 acres owned by Jamie Clark. By Board consent Kuhlman will have attorney Chris Patterson draft a response with 3 options: Detachment, Sharing Property Taxes or a Land Trade.

**Assessor's Report:** provided a report reflection the State Tax Commission Analysis for Equalized Valuation of Real Property and a comparison for County Ratios. Also noted that an additional letter will go out to Pine Trail property owners clarifying the situation.

**Treasurer's Report and Bills:** Friesner reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Major made a motion to accept the report, pay the bills and file the report. Daniels seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**Committee Reports:**

A. Government Relations – none

- B. ZBA – none
- C. Elections – Trammell noted 500 AV Ballots had gone out and 300 received, Early Voting will begin on Saturday and the Presidential Primary will occur on February 27, 2024.
- D. Nottawa Library – report was included in the consent agenda.
- E. Centreville Fire Board – Major presented a proposed budget of which Lockport’s portion will be \$38,212.16. Daniels made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Friesner seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.
- F. Planning – none
- G. Three Rivers Library – report was included in Consent Agenda.
- H. Water Department – report was included in Consent Agenda
- I. Website – report was included in Consent Agenda
- J. Building Committee – none
- K. Roads Committee – none
- L. ARPA Funds Committee – the Water Feasibility Study fee will come out of this fund.
- M. Water & Sewer Committee – Kuhlman met with Park Township and Schoolcraft Township who will both contribute \$5,000 to the Water Feasibility Study.
- N. Lockport, Fabius, Park – Major reported that a member of the Fabius Board has resigned and a new Board member is in place in Park and there was discussion about solutions to the trash along the sides of the roads.

**Old Business:** Library Contracts – a letter went to both the Three Rivers Library and the Nottawa Library regarding negotiating a fix fee for the Township. Correspondence was received from the Nottawa Library.

**New Business:** none

**Adjournment:** Friesner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Daniels seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 11, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Trammell  
Township Clerk