

**LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
58982 Holtom Rd. Three Rivers, MI  
May 13, 2024

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

**Members Absent:** Christy Trammell

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Major at 6:01 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Daniels made a motion to accept the agenda, Friesner seconded the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Grubbs made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included: Nottawa Library Report, Government Relations, Water Board Report, Centreville Fire Chief's Report for March and Web Site Report. Daniels seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

**Public Comments:**

Theresa Gherna Ankney commented on farm traffic on Franklin Dr.  
Charlene Zavala asked what was being done to Tim Ave.

**Road Commission:** John Lindsey thanked the township for being a major player in helping repair local roads with the 50/50 match. He also provided information about the upcoming local road millage renewal vote on April 6.

**Enforcement Officer's Report:** Kuhlman provided a written report of activities and said that eight new homes would be coming into the Riverwatch Subdivision. He applied to the Michigan Participating Plan for free humidity change sensors for our wellhouses that will let us know of problems such as the furnace going out. He provided documentation regarding a request for a one-time split of farmland. Major made a motion to approve the one-time split for farmland located at 21456 Major Rd. Daniels seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 on a roll call vote. He also presented a short-term rental ordinance, zoning ordinance text amendments to recognize the township's adoption of such an ordinance, and a short-term rental application. Kuhlman said that the ordinance addresses parking, garbage, occupancy, and noise, and is written for the protection of Lockport Township residents, not investors. The board tabled a vote on these materials until next month.

**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 CARRIED 4-0.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Government Relations – report was included in Consent Agenda
- B. ZBA – none
- C. Elections – Meadows said that the first quarter cost to the township for early voting was \$528.77 and reported on the May election. Three of four absentee ballots were returned; regular voting was held at the Mendon Township Hall. Trammell and Jim & Elena Meadows divided up time at the Lockport hall in case anyone other than the 20 registered voters in the Mendon school district wanted to register but no one did. Power went out in the evening due to the storms.
- D. Nottawa Library – report was included in Consent Agenda

- E. Centreville Fire Board – none
- F. Planning – none
- G. Three Rivers Library – Charlene Zavala reported on upcoming library activities including Storywalks at Scidmore Park and the Huss Project, the Books & Brews Book Club at Useless Creatures Brewing Company, and an author talk by Wade Rouse (“Viola Shipman”).
- H. Water Department – report was included in Consent Agenda
- I. Website – report was included in Consent Agenda
- J. Building Committee – Grubbs provided a quote from Byler Electric for the air cooled standby generator; while it was 22kW as opposed to Steensma’s 26kW, it was still 200 amps and would cost \$3,865 less. Money will come from ARPA funds. Daniels made a motion to accept Byler Electric’s bid for \$8,980.00 and Friesner seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 with a roll call vote.
- K. Roads Committee – Friesner made a motion and Grubbs seconded to spend \$1,600.00 for a 50/50 match with the road commission for two applications of mineral well brine on Meyers and Jacobs roads. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 with a roll call vote.
- L. ARPA Funds Committee – none
- M. Water & Sewer Committee – Schoolcraft village and township are now looking at the project.
- N. Lockport, Fabius & Park – Items discussed included short-term rentals, dump passes, Park Township Hall roofing, MEC internet, cemeteries, security cameras, master plans, Sharpies used at elections, and a person who is willing to remove large pieces of junk from the side of the road at \$50.00 apiece.

**Old Business:** Library Contracts – Everything is settled with Nottawa Township and we are waiting on Seth Koches to return from vacation. Major expressed that he had not had time to meet with Three Rivers and asked that Daniels and Grubbs take the lead. Charlene Zavala expressed an interest in being involved; Daniels and Grubbs will copy her in on the correspondence, meet with the library representative, and come back to the board next month with a report.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Friesner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Daniels seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is June 10, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elena Meadows  
Deputy Township Clerk