

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
58982 Holtom Rd. Three Rivers, MI
July 8, 2024

Members Present: Mark Major, Mike Friesner, Christy Trammell, Rick Daniels & Donna Grubbs.
Also present: Doug Kuhlman, Dale Hutson, Elena 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: Daniels made a motion to accept the agenda, Friesner seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Grubbs made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included: June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, Centreville Fire Chief's Report for May, Website Report, Special Meeting Minutes Water Board & Township Board June 19, 2024, Budget Workshop Minutes June 30, 2024, Annual Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2024, Government Relations, Treasurer's Cash Report and 2024-2025 Budget. Daniels seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Public Comments:

Kelly Ward – 10426 Dutch Settlement Rd., Marcellus is running for St. Joseph County Probate Judge
Ben Karle – Tamarac resident expressed his support for the Township continuing to support the Three Rivers Public Library

Theresa Gherna-Ankney – recently attended a Republican Conference in Detroit

Elena Meadows read comments from Jennifer Tice showing support for the library

Gail Schrader resident from Constantine Rd. noted her support for the library

Waneta Truckey – Park Township resident encouraged support for the library

Jean Thompson – encouraged support for the library

Cole Slaski – resident from Pine Trail supported the library

Bobbi Schoon – Tamarac resident and former library director discussed negotiations with the library and township.

Anne Robare – expressed support for the library

Jeff Keefer – supported the library

Appointment of Contract 425 Officer: Major has discussed this with our attorney and they provided feedback on how to proceed with appointing an officer to oversee the 425's the township has. Major made a motion to authorize the supervisor to work with legal counsel to draw up a contract and establish the position and appoint Sherrie Nowicki to oversee 425's with compensation up to \$5,000 annually. Friesner seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Enforcement Officer's Report: Kuhlman provided a written report of activities and noted that Ordinance 99-11A needed to be readopted due to a new format from the new attorney. Friesner made a motion to accept it as presented, Grubbs seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. Kuhlman also presented a document containing the Michigan Zoning Reform Package which is proposed from a State Representative and will override local ordinances. Daniels made a motion to have Kuhlman write a letter from the township opposing the package, Friesner seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Assessor's Report: Hutson reported 70% of the residents have signed the documents needed to fix the Pine Trail situation. Documents are being created and the survey is done.

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. Grubbs seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Friesner inquired of the Board about the Fire Truck Fund. Last year ARPA money was used for the purchase and he wanted to know if we should keep the budgeted amount of \$7k going to that fund. By consent, the board agreed to continue putting the \$7k aside as the costs of fire trucks continue to increase.

Committee Reports:

- A. Government Relations – consent
- B. ZBA – none
- C. Elections – Trammell noted the AV ballots for the August election went out in June. Approximately 600 were sent out and about 100 have been returned thus far. She also explained the difference between AV and the Permanent Ballot list.
- D. Nottawa Library – report was in Consent Agenda.
- E. Centreville Fire Board – none
- F. Planning – meeting on July 11th, Kuhlman recognized Sherrie Nowicki, Chair of the Planning Commission for taking the Citizen Planning Course.
- G. Three Rivers Library – Char Zavala noted the June meeting had been cancelled due to a power outage and brought event calendars, discussed programs and participation.
- H. Water Department – will be meeting July 9th.
- I. Website – report was included in Consent Agenda
- J. Building Committee – the generator is installed.
- K. Roads Committee – it was noted that the Township continues to work on improving the roads and spent \$135,000 last year on roads.
- L. ARPA Funds Committee – there is still \$53,000 to allocate. Major will inquire about bids for the west parking lot at the hall.
- M. Water & Sewer Committee – feasibility study is completed and will be presented to us soon.
- N. Lockport, Fabius & Park – none

Old Business: Library Contracts – the Nottawa Library Contract is signed; it is a fixed amount with an annual 2% increase. Grubbs and Daniels met with the Three Rivers Public Library and reviewed the contract and offered them the same contract as what was signed by Nottawa. The Three Rivers Public Library Board will review it at their next meeting on July 23rd.

New Business: Thank you to Elena Meadows for the newsletter that was sent out with valuable information about the township. Major noted that Autumn Major will be stepping in as his new Deputy Supervisor in place of Melissa Major. It was also noted that the next court date will be July 23rd at 8am.

Adjournment: Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Grubbs seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is July 8, 2024 and a special meeting for the budget on June 28th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Trammell
Township Clerk