

Fire Chief's Report:

We had 6 calls for the month of February

Nottawa had 1 call

1. 2/18 27166 Butler Rd Assist to Lifecare

Village had 1 call

1. 2/28 Main/Burr Oak Personal injury accident

Lockport had 2 calls

1. 2/8 M-86/Neaman Personal injury accident

We had 2 automatic aid calls to the City of Three Rivers

1. 2/2 606 Eighth St Structure fire

2. 2/7 420 Walnut St. Possible Structure fire canceled in route

Three Rivers Library Report:

Report on Three Rivers Public Library Board Meeting held on March 25, 2025

- The library's hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. They will close at 3 p.m. on the 2 nd Wednesday of the month for staff training. They will be close at 2 p.m. on Good Friday, April 18;

- There are currently 1,230 Lockport residents registered with the TRPL;

- Fabius Township Contract Update: The two law firms representing Fabius Township and the Three Rivers Public Library were unable to come to an agreement. Their current contract expired on March 31 st . The library said they are still willing to continue discussions with Fabius Township;

- Here are some of the activities currently being offered at the library:

- ❖ Story time for preschoolers and book clubs for all ages;

- ❖ April 15 – Teenage Movie: Divergent, 4-6 p.m. (2 nd floor);

- ❖ Mondays – Chess Club, ages 6-12, 3:30-5 p.m. (2 nd floor);

- ❖ Fridays – Teen Drop-in Video Gaming, 4-5 p.m. (2 nd floor);

- ❖ April 15 – Tuesday Night for Crafters, for adults, 5-7 p.m.;

- ❖ April 17 - Tech Day – If you need assistance with your computer, cellphone, etc., just stop in from 3-5 p.m.; (1 st floor Community Room)

- ❖ April 17 – Books & Brews Book Club - This month's book is "God of the Woods" by Liz Moore.. They will meet at the Riviera from 5-7 p.m. to discuss the book;

- ❖ April 19 & 26 – Dungeon & Dragons for ages 11 to 18, 11 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.;

- ❖ April 22 - Earth Day @ Memory Isle, 4-5 p.m.;

- ❖ April 23 – Literary Ladies Book Club – This month's book is "Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendship" by Nina Torenberg. They will meet at the library from 1 to 3 p.m.;

- ❖ April 23 – Coffee & Conversation 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.;

For further information, check their website at threeiverslibrary.org or call 269/273-8666.

Reminder: If you are registered as a member of the library, you must renew your card annually; if you are unsure if your card needs to be renewed, just call the library to check on your status.

You can also call the library to get on their newsletter list or pick up a Monthly Calendar of Events at the library circulation desk.

- Next board meeting will be at the library on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Charlene Zavala

Website Report:

If you have any questions, please contact Autumn Major at autumnmajor43@gmail.com

Water Board Meeting Minutes:

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP WATER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2025

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

Members Present:

Joe Nowicki, Chairman

Mark Major, Board Member

Lee Ross, Board Member

Annie Signorello, Billing Clerk

Michelle Tribideau, Operator

Members Absent:

Becky Myers, Board Member

Call to Order:

The April 10, 2025 meeting was called to order by Joe Nowicki at 6:04p.m. Roll call:

Joe, Mark, Lee, Michelle, Annie.

Agenda Approval: Meeting of April 10, 2025 – Lee motioned to approve Agenda.

Mark seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Mark motioned to approve Minutes of March 6, 2025, as presented. Lee Seconded motion. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0.

System Operators Report:

Mark welcomed Michelle Thibideau to the Water Department. Discussion on the transition of Operator duties. Discussion on Miss Dig requests. Annie reported 4.160 million gallons of water used for the month of March, per Carey's pumpage report. One shut-off occurred in March. Account resolved and is in good standing.

Board Vacancy:

Joe wished sincere condolences to Glenn Wegner's family, on his unexpected passing in March. Discussion on Board Vacancy. Mark will post board vacancy on Township website for anyone interested in serving on the Board. No further action taken.

Visitors Comments: None

Well #4 Land Purchase & Water Line Extension:

Mark and Joe met with Del Estes, Board Member of St Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church, to discuss purchase just under 3.5 acres of land. Discussion.

Mark made a Motion to purchase 3.48 acres of land from St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in the amount of \$30,000, for the intended purpose of Well #4. Lee Seconded Motion. ROLL CALL: Mark-yes, Lee-yes, Joe-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Mark made a Motion to pay all closing costs, including survey & boundary adjustments for the purchase of 3.48 acres of land from St Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church. Lee Seconded Motion. ROLL CALL: Joe-yes, Lee-yes, Mark-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Mark will present Motion to Purchase, to the Township Board for their approval.

HydroCorp Contract: Discussion on proposed Contract. Mark will contact HydroCorp and request they attend May Water Board Meeting to answer questions. No Further Action Taken.

Cross Connection Update:

Carey submitted Report to EGLE on March 31, 2025.

Inventory:

- 14 Meters/44 MXU's /23 Touchpads

BS & A Update: Annie reported that the conversion to BS&A is moving forward. She will have 3 zoom meetings in the month of April. No further action taken.

Accountants Report

A. Accounts Receivables: Discussion.

B. Bank balances for the month ending March 2025, were discussed.

Joe Motioned to have Mike Friesner inquire and reinvest, at his discretion, the Certificate of Deposit #1661, with Arbor Financial Credit Union, maturity date of May 9, 2025. Lee Seconded. ROLL CALL: Lee-yes, Mark-yes, Joe-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

C. Accounts payable for the month of March 2025, were presented. Discussion. Lee Motioned to pay bills in the amount of \$9,486.99, Mark seconded. ROLL CALL: Lee-yes, Joe-yes, Mark-yes. Motion Passes 3-0.

D. System Operations Summary for the month of March 2025. Discussed as presented.

E. Cubic Feet of Water: Discussed as presented.

F. No Correspondence

Old Business:

Baker Tilly Proposal: Tabled indefinitely.

Peerless Midwest Proposal: Mark spoke with Adam to notify him of potential land purchase. No further action taken.

LD Docsa & Associates: Mark spoke with Doug to notify him of potential land purchase. LD Docsa is still working on price quote for services.

New Business:

Joe presented quote from Titans Landscape Estimate for land and gate repair at Tower. Discussion. Mark motioned to have excavating work for land and gate

repair by Titans Landscape, in the amount of \$325.00. ROLL CALL: Mark-yes, Lee-yes, Joe-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

Budget: Preliminary Budget presented to Board. Tabled to May Meeting.

Discussion on adjusting time for May Meeting. May 8, 2025 meeting will be held at 4:30pm.

Adjournment:

Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Mark seconded Motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Annie Signorello

Secretary

Next regular monthly meeting scheduled for May 8, 2025 @ 4:30 pm.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

58982 Holtom Rd. Three Rivers, MI

March 10, 2025

Members Present: Mark Major, Mike Friesner, Theresa Gherna-Ankney, Rick Daniels & Donna Grubbs.
Also present: Doug Kuhlman, Autumn Major, Beccy Friesner & Melissa Allison

Members Absent: Dale Hutson

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

Approval of Agenda: Rick made a motion to accept the agenda, with also noting the correction of February 10, 2025 to March 10, 2025. Donna seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Donna made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included: Regular Meeting Minutes Feb 10, 2025, Treasurer's Cash Statement, Water Board Report, Centreville Fire Chief's Report for January, and Website Report. Rick seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Public Comments:

Rick Shaffer presented about Human Services Commission to better facilitate the housing crisis in St Joe County and gave a history on how it was originated. It was a two-year commission grant and only one-time funds \$160K. The purpose was to give funds back to the villages and counties. The position was filled by Clayton Lyczynski -Housing coordinator, and his contract will be up in July 2025. The county Commissioner Rick Shaffer feels that this contract should not be filled again since there have been multiple complaints that the program did not go as well as planned and said the county should not be sponsored by the county. Clayton Lyczynski has come to the Human Services Commission and county commission to continue funding this program. There is no money with both departments

therefore there is no funding. Rick said Clayton will not continue to be the St Joseph County Task Force Director and Clayton is looking now at private sectors. Rick said if there is any more complaints to please let him know and he will forward your complaint. Rick answered questions that the audience had and thank the board for their time.

--Lydia Larnick 17971 South River Road- Presented about chicken questions and the board will consider a Police Power ordinance after all consideration and review of the ordinance is researched. No time was given from the board on when the board will work on a police power ordinance .Right now, Mike made a motion to give a hold on any more chickens and those with chickens may keep them for now until decision of the review. Rick supports the motion- Role call Mike-Yes, Mark-Yes, Donna-Yes, Theresa-Yes, Rick-Yes- Motion passes 5-0

--Gloria Johnson- Presented and Kudos for winning the 425 from the city. Credit was noted that Sheri Nowicki should get the credit for all the work she had done to prepare and presented and to Doug for his contribution to the case. Gloria also had questions about the Clerk's duties and responsibilities.

MEC- Midwest Energy Commission- Information was sent for support on this fiber optic support. Asking the township for support for fiber optic letter of resolution was sent. Rick stated It would be better if a representative could come and explain to be able to answer questions that board members may have. Mark will notify Dave Allen. See Handout

Enforcement Officer's Report: Kuhlman provided a written report of activities, building permit. Doug also presented the board with an approval of a one-time land split for 18700 South Fisher Lake Road. Rick made the motion to approve the one-time land split of 18700 South Fisher Lake Road and Donna seconded the motion. - Role call was done Mike-Yes, Mark-Yes, Donna-Yes and Rick-Yes, Theresa recused herself due to a conflict of interest in the property and abstained from this voting. Board passed the approval 4-0. Also, Doug presented a first right of refusal to obtain property on Ash Road next to the two lots that the township already has Mike made the motion to try to obtain this property and Rick supported the motion. Handout provided by Doug on Ash Road property. Doug also presented a contract for Sheri Nowicki on for an independent contractor agreement It will entail independent liability for her and she will pay and the township will reimburse her of \$495.00 per year. Donna made the motion to accept the agreement for Sheri to be reimbursed and the contract and Rick seconded the motion- Role call vote- Mike-Yes, Mark-Yes, Rick-Yes, Donna-Yes, Theresa-Yes, motion passes 5-0.

Doug presented and added information about Equalization Department that was provided to the township from the St Joseph County Equalization Department to provide arial viewing and such with a cost. We already have programs in place that are working and are of no to minimal cost that the township has been using. Donna made a motion not to participate in this expense and program Mike seconded the motion- Role call vote-Donna-Yes, Rick -Yes, Mark-Yes, Mike-Yes, Theresa-Yes not to participate in this program Motion passes 5-0 NOT to participate. (see Handout provided).

Assessor's Report: Dale Absent - No Report given

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. Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. Mark-Yes, Rick-Yes, Donna-Yes, Theresa-Yes and Mike-Yes.

Committee Reports:

A. Gov Relations- None

B. ZBA-none

C. Elections - None

D. Nottawa Library - None

E. Centreville Fire Board -Budget Proposal Reviewed- Rick made motion to accept CFD budget proposal Mike seconded it. Mark-Yes, Mike-Yes, Donna-Yes, Rick-Yes, Theresa-Yes. Board passed 5-0. (See Hand Out)

F. Planning - None

G. Three Rivers Library-Expense report provided by Char

H. Water Department- Consent

I. Website -Consent

J. Building Committee - none

K. Roads Committee – none

L. ARPA Funds Committee - None M.

Water & Sewer Committee -None N.

Lockport, Fabius & Park - None

Old Business:

none

New

Business:

Adjournment: Donna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1955 p.m. Rick seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 14, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Gherna-Ankney
Township Clerk

Agenda:

Lockport Township

Agenda

April 14th, 2025

Regular Meeting

- I. Call to order: Mark Major
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Includes: Three Rivers Library Report - March 10th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, Water Board Report, Centreville Fire Chief's Report for February, and Website Report
- IV. Public Comments
- V. PA 116 Millard: Theresa Gherna-Ankney
- VI. Enforcement Officer: Doug Khulman
- VII. Assessor's Report: Dale Hutson
- VIII. Treasurer's Report and Bills: Mike Friesner
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. ZBA: Donna Grubbs
 - B. Elections: Theresa Gherna-Ankney
 - C. Nottawa Library: Mike Friesner
 - D. Centreville Fire Board: Mark Major
 - E. Planning: Mike Friesner
 - F. Three Rivers Library: Char Zavala
 - G. Water Department: Mark Major
 - H. Website: Autumn Major
 - I. Building Committee: Donna Grubbs, Rick Daniels
 - J. Roads Committee: Mark Major, Mike Freisner
 - K. ARPA Funds Committee: Mike Friesner
 - L. Water and Sewer Committee: Mike Freisner, Rick Daniels
 - M. Lockport, Fabius, Park: Mark Major, Rick Daniels
- X. New Business
- XI. Old Business

Adjournment

Next Month's Meeting Date: May 12th, 2025