

Lincoln Township, Newaygo County

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022 7 PM

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rodarmer at 7:05 PM

Present: Rodarmer, Noggle, Ungrey, Stockwell, Frantz. Absent: None

Supervisor Rodarmer led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2022 by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All "ayes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Supervisor Report 4c – Audit Update

Unfinished Business:

6. Backhoe Bids for Clean Up Day

7. Assessor Contract

New Business:

1. 2a: Remove Abe Rodriguez from Planning Commission
2. Request for Grant of Franchise to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative

Motion by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. All 'ayes.' Motion carried.

Public Comment - none

Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Report received by the Clerk and on file.

Fire Board: Report by Stockwell. It was Stockwell's last meeting as Fire Board Rep. Board Member from Evert resigned too. The extractor was purchased with grant money.

Treasurer: Stockwell reported that tax settlement went well. The delinquent tax bill money has been transferred. Reminder tax bills go out the first week of June, so we may want to work on the newsletter, if desired. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Frantz, seconded by Ungrey. All 'ayes'. Motion carried.

Supervisor:

- a. Bea has had a family issue, but she is working to get the sign done ASAP. There were more additions to the Veteran sign than originally thought, but they are still hopeful for Memorial Day.
- b. Todd is still working on .gov website update
- c. ARPA fund reporting is due April 30<sup>th</sup>
- d. Audit Update: Field work is to begin the first week of June and the reporting should be completed by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Unfinished Business:

1. Roads: Discussed options for gravel/paving Meadowbrook, but it was out of our budget. Grub/grade Baseline, too expensive this year. Grade/Dolomite Cole Creek- discussion about it being a private road and that the RC gravels and we pay to plow. Wedge/Overlay Baseline as it is a well-traveled secondary road. There was a request to do work on Apple/Birch, but it was denied because it is a private road and we do not maintain private roads. It was confirmed that there must be a complete consensus by parcel holders along the road and they could pursue a road mileage assessment. No action was taken. Suggestion for regrade or re-dolomite Baldwin between 3 Mile and 4 Mile as it is still very rutted and may need additional dolomite added. Stockwell requested we get a report on how much is owed to RC for prior work and then revisit it.
2. Extra Pay for Surveys: Noggle requested that it not be called pay for "Clerk & Deputy" as they were acting under the direction of the Planning Commission. Motion by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer to pay Noggle \$675 (45x\$15/hr) and Howes \$405 (27x\$15/hr). Discussion regarding hours, rates, and whether to pay it or not.  
Roll call vote: "Ayes": Frantz, Stockwell, Rodarmer. Abstain: Noggle: "Nays": Ungrey.
3. Township Clean Up Day: Clean Up day is May 21, 2022. We will need a backhoe to help smash trash in dumpster. The backhoe from last year is unavailable. Milan Nerad confirmed he would be there for the day. Howes committed to ½ day. Noggle requested we try to find another option for next year due to continual price increases. Rodarmer commended their excellent customer service, but agreed the prices were high.  
Motion was made to pursue bids for a backhoe by Rodarmer, seconded by Noggle. Discussion about how to approve bids prior to the next business meeting. A phone vote was recommended by Noggle, with an official public revote at the next business meeting. All 'ayes', motion carried.
4. Tree Bids-Cemetery: Motion to approve a proposal from Christian Brothers Tree Service in the amount of \$2,032 by Ungrey, seconded by Noggle. Discussion about how it was nice to keep the business in the township and their request for 25% down. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to pay the 25% down (\$508) by Ungrey, seconded by Stockwell. All 'ayes." Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve the contract for Michael Beach as assessor for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by Stockwell, seconded by Noggle. All 'ayes." Motion carried.
6. Great Lakes Cooperative Franchise: Motion to approve Great Lakes Energy Cooperative request for Grant of Franchise by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. Roll call vote: Ayes-Stockwell, Noggle, Ungrey, Rodarmer, Frantz. Nays-none. Motion carried. Paperwork was signed and turned over to Howes for follow up.
7. Closed Session- Litigation Consultation with Amanda Zdarsky with McGraw Morris, PC- Motion by Rodarmer as follows: "I move to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney in connection with *Tamm v. Nerad et al.*, Case No. 1:21-cv-00322 because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the Township" at 7:49 PM, seconded by Noggle. All ayes, motion carried.

Regular Business meeting resumed (no time noted)

## New Business:

1. Introduction of Michael Beach and a welcome by the Board. Contact information was exchanged.

2. A. Motion to remove Abe Rodriguez from the Planning Commission for failure to attend by Noggle, seconded by Stockwell. Discussion about whether he had been notified or not. Noggle mentioned that she has had no response from the last several attempts to contact. All 'ayes'. Motion carried.  
  
B. Motion to appoint Randy Vredevoogd to the Planning Commission Noggle, seconded by Ungrey. All 'ayes'. Motion carried.
3. Request to postpone Ethics Policy until the May meeting by Frantz. Motion to postpone by Rodarmer, seconded by Noggle. All "ayes." Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve ballot wording for Road Mileage Resolution 22-08 by Stockwell, seconded by Noggle. No discussion. Roll call vote: Ayes- Noggle, Rodarmer, Frantz, Amy, Ungrey. Nays-None. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve Par Plan Grant Resolution 22-07 (security lighting at hall) by Frantz, seconded by Stockwell. Discussion about the final decision will be in May. Roll Call Vote: Aye's: Rodarmer, Frantz, Ungrey, Stockwell, Noggle Nay's: None. Motion carried.
6. Motion to purchase a cell phone for the Clerk with a new township number by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. Discussion about cost and whether we could keep the same number. Howes commented that cost of the phone will be about \$60 and then the monthly fee would be \$25. Noggle commented that the existing number is her personal phone number and she would like us to get a different one. All "ayes." Motion carried. Howes to follow up on the purchase of phone.

#### Correspondence:

There will be a Parliamentary Proceedings seminar June 1 at the Board of Commissioners Room.

KCI has a flier with lots of print options for tax bills and such, including lots of colors and such.

#### Spongy Moth update letter

Sharon Noggle submitted her letter of resignation/retirement from the township. Letter is on file. Noggle did request to remain on Fire Board as Lincoln Township Rep.

Motion by Rodarmer, seconded by Stockwell to accept the letter of resignation/retirement. All 'ayes.'" Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Virginia Howes as Clerk by Frantz, seconded by Ungrey. All 'ayes.'" Motion carried.

#### Round of congratulations and thanks to Noggle

Virginia Howes was sworn in as Lincoln Township Clerk by Supervisor Rodarmer. Round of congratulations.

Pay bills: Motion to pay bills by Ungrey, seconded by Stockwell. Request to review bills by Frantz. Discussion: Questions about paying BSA invoice for assessing software. Beach confirmed we needed to pay. Additions: Virginia Howes- stamps \$480. Christian Brothers -tree removal down payment \$508, BSA \$584, Survey Checks to Noggle (\$675) and Howes (\$408). All 'ayes.'" Motion carried.

Discussion about Noggle remaining on Fire Board. It was decided that she will remain as Fire Board Rep for Lincoln Township. She will email the monthly report to Howes.

Howes submitted her letter of resignation as Deputy Clerk.

Motion to accept the resignation by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Several people from Audityourvote.com had concerns about election results. There was discussion about the results between Noggle, Howes, and the public. Howes agreed to review the information further and respond accordingly.

Motion to adjourn by Noggle, seconded by Stockwell, Board comments were not conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Howes, Clerk