

# **Lincoln Township- Newaygo County**

## **Regular Business Meeting**

**December 15, 2022 7:00 PM**

### **Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rodarmer at 7:01 PM.

Supervisor led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Stockwell, Howes, Rodarmer, Frantz Absent: Ungrey

Motion to approve the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the December 12, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve agenda with additions by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additions/Changes: Move One Township at a Time up to after 1<sup>st</sup> Public Comment. Body camera for Zoning Admin moved to February.

Reports: #5. Planning Commission

Zoning; Rodney Hyrns land combination

Unfinished Business: #6 Roads

New Business: #5 New Legal Counsel, #6. ZBA appointees

Public Comment: Concerns were raised about the new body camera for the Zoning Administrator. Public wondered if they would be productive. Asked why we didn't just use all written communication.

One Township at a Time (Melissa Feldt) presented their program (reducing isolation/loneliness in Senior Citizens with local solutions). Asked township to assist with registered voter list of 55+ and to use the township hall as a meeting place) Board gave approval for both.

Zoning Report on file. Nerad presented the Board with the Rodney Hyrns land combo for review. Nothing seemed amiss. Board does not vote to approve these anymore.

Treasurer's Report: On file. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Howes, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: Board of Review (BOR) met in December. One Veteran's Exemption was issued. There are new guidelines for PRE adjustments and we needed to reach out to Michael (assessor) on how those would be processed and to set dates for March BOR. Stump grinding did not get done, but Rodarmer will follow up and it should be done in January.

Planning Commission Report: PC is working on some changes to Low Density zoning guidelines by the lake. Working on revisiting minimum square footage requirements. Reviewing whether or not we need additional regulations on short term rentals (B&B's),

Motion to approve Standalone Ordinance 22-02 (Waterfront Park -II) by Rodarmer, seconded by Stockwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Standalone Ordinance 22-03 (Swim Beach) by Rodarmer, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to update the electrical lighting by moving the front light higher to the peak, add a new dawn-to-dusk farmhouse type fixture, add a dawn to dusk to the back door exit, and add a motion sensory light to the front hallway entrance (3 lights) up to \$600 and Rodarmer to hire contractor by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rodarmer to finalize logo contest plans/gift basket donations and post a flier on fb, White Cloud Community Network, website, and possibly the tech programs at local schools.

Motion to hire STG as our new website design/maintenance company, using ARPA funds for set up by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. Howes to discuss Gold vs Platinum options and make final decision on plan. Howes to send E4/12 Media a separation letter upon signing STG contract. Rodarmer will begin collecting seasonal pictures for Facebook and website.

Signs are almost completed and should be available after the holidays. Rodarmer will coordinate delivery and installation.

Stockwell presented a new financial opportunity through MI Class Funds. Discussion: MI Class complies with Public Act 20, simplifies tax payouts, has a 4% interest rate and is anticipating it to be 5% shortly. Stockwell would like to move Road Funds at end of CD term as the rates are better. They are not FDIC insured, but have not had a payout since 1992.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-13 to approve addition of Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System as an approved investment option by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. Roll call vote: Ayes; Howes, Rodarmer, Frantz, Stockwell. Nays: none. Absent: Ungrey

Discussion of adding Municpay to the website to accept payments. It would work the same as Point and Pay, fees collected from users. Things that could be paid online are: zoning permits, cemetery plots, camping permits, FOIA requests, zoning books, land combination/split fees. Motion to approve Municpay by Frantz, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried. Stockwell to handle implementation.

Discussion of Cliff Bloom's resignation letter. Motion to hire Mika Meyers Attorneys as our township legal counsel by Howes, seconded by Stockwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Donna Brown and Kevin Sears to Zoning Board of Appeals by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Discussion about purchasing a 2023 Newaygo County Plat Book. Howes to purchase one from 4H Counsel.

Motion to pay January bills (there is no January meeting) and report back in February by Stockwell, seconded by Howes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay December bills as presented with no additions by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Request to spray for wasp and get them out of the hall.

Board Comments:

Howes- there was a request to contact Road Commission about Mena Creek Crossing due to resident complaint. Discussion about who prints our tax cards. Jeanne L. always used Ferris Print and they were much more reasonable than County's proposed rates. County news- Hilary Davis resigned. There is a new Deputy Clerk.

Stockwell-at the Township Officer's Meeting there was discussion about Prop 2 and how it is going to be implemented. Goodwill's Clerk is forming a committee to research a petition about Clerk's positions relating to Prop 2. County Clerk has proposed a Clerk's meeting in first quarter 2023.

Rodarmer: No January meeting. Merry Christmas!

Motion to adjourn by Rodarmer, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Virginia Howes, Clerk