

Lincoln Township
Regular Business Meeting
July 21, 2022 7 PM

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

Present: Josh Frantz, Amy Stockwell, Roger Ungrey, Virginia Howes, Robin Rodarmer

Absent: none

Motion to accept Minutes with corrections (clerical errors) by Howes, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Agenda with corrections (No Special Meeting Minutes and Closed Session cancelled) by Ungrey, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment-Agenda only: Several heated comments on the Special Event sponsored by Shindy's. There were several noise complaints and a request to be more considerate of the neighbors when we issue them Special Event permits.

Zoning Administrator's report on file.

Treasurer reported that taxes are coming in. Stated that the County is contracting out the tax bills and there are some glitches that still need to be worked out. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented with no additional discussion by Frantz, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Report:

1. 2nd ARPA check has arrived (\$66,362.76)
2. Diamond Lake Improvement Board got the lake report back. It is in excellent condition. Some weed treatments will take place over the summer. Setting rates for the Special Assessment on Sept. 8th for the next 5 years.
3. Bea disposed of our sign, so starting from scratch. Two sign quotes had come in, still waiting on two more. Shared existing quotes with Board.

Date set for the Special Meeting for Closed Session to discuss the Tamm/Nerad Consent Judgement was scheduled for July 27, 2022 at 6PM. Howes to post notices.

Unfinished Business:

County could not get grant to pave out to campground. Requested township consider paying 1/3 or \$59,000. There is not enough in road budget to cover a project that large. No action taken.

I move to appoint Sharon Nerad to serve as Lincoln Township Fire Board Representative by Rodarmer. Seconded by Stockwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion about QB payroll and them charging us sales tax. We should have sales tax exempt status. Howes to look into it. Howes presented the final paperwork reconciliation for payroll charges with the White Cloud Fire Dept. Amount owed to WCFD is \$154.58. Motion to pay the WCFD with a retyped copy of the explanation by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Milan Nerad presented a second First Responder solution. Also requested we look into getting some basic first aid/CPR classes to be held at the township hall for the benefit of the community. Some discussion about township liability with the proposed scenario and that we need to check with insurance providers. Would there be grants to cover pagers and equipment?

New Business:

Supervisor reported there are two additional dead trees at the swim beach. Rodarmer to get quotes for removal – Christian Brothers, Andy’s Tree Service, Alpine Tree Service???

Sand is to be delivered to the beach area shortly as per Supervisor.

Grant case (Junk Ordinance) has been resolved in our favor. We are to be reimbursed to clean up costs. Nerad to get estimates to remove all trash and will request Sheriff’s assistance as necessary.

Howes presented Accufund quote for new accounting software. Research additional options. Check to see if there is a per check payroll charge.

New forms required for MERS. Howes to provide at August meeting.

Motion to pay the bills as presented with additions (MERS-\$1649, Independent CC \$84.90, North Country \$640) by Howes, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was lots of heated public comment mostly about the Special Event at Schindy’s. Concerns were raised about off-street parking for events. Noise ordinances come into play with concert events? Someone mentioned the junk in the National Forest was getting out of control and would like to see great efforts to enforce junk ordinances. Resident expressed appreciation for the newsletter. Others expressed the need for no new taxes for better ambulance services. Lots of concern about the speed of travelers on Mundy on East end of the lake. Rodarmer to look into addressing it. Resident requested brush pile at swim beach be removed.

Del La Luz’s presented a packet of information and requested the Board reconsider letting them have a dock in at West Park. Board requested a survey to be done and will revisit it.

Board Comments:

Frantz commented on how nice 3 Mile looked.

Stockwell had a question about Foss being changed from Ave to St. Questioned if the vandalism at cemetery was reported to authorities and if there was any video coverage? Questioned why sections of land by Diamond Lake were be divided up by the State of MI to create non-conforming lots? Can they do that in zoned communities? Should we request a Newaygo Co Sheriff Officer be available when Schindy’s has a Special Event and that be included in the permit process?

Stockwell motioned to change Great Lakes Energy to an EFT if less than \$200, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stockwell stated that all tax bill changes will be handled by Equalization and that signatures are required, but the signature line has been removed. Rodarmer to put a notice to that effect on the website.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Virginia Howes, Clerk