

Lincoln Township Regular Board Meeting

March 18th, 2021 7:00 PM

Minutes

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

Supervisor led all present in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Absent: Sharon Noggle

Others Present: Joe Howes, Annie Trapp, Rose Przybylski, Julie Tamm, Shanyne Busz, Milan Nerad, Larry Bean, Pam Bean. Rick Mouw

Motion to approve minutes with corrections (Crofoot spelling) by Ungrey, seconded by Stockwell for the regular Board Meeting on February 18, 2021. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Ungrey, seconded by Frantz to approve agenda with additions (Unfinished Business item 6 and New Business items 5 and 6). All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Larry Gustman requested to address the Board. He lives near Luce/4 Mile. He is having odor and animal trespassing issues with his neighbor's hobby farm (pigs, cattle, sheep, donkey, chickens). Due to the natural landscape of the land and creek running through the middle of property the animals are concentrated in the middle of the property close to Gustman's home, thus creating an odor issue. Milan Nerad has been there. A citation was issued for barns and fences in the set back areas. The neighbors were given 90 days to correct issues. Member of public suggested they check with DEQ and make sure they had proper waterway setbacks and to check for manure run-off. Another member questioned a land bridge over creek for better access to back of property, but Milan informed us that a bridge is a zoning violation. Rodarmer agreed to ask some questions and get back with him. V. Howes reminded the Board that MI has a Right to Farm Act that we needed to take into consideration.

Zoning Administrator's Report: On File

Fire Board Report: Report by Stockwell. Oct. 1st, 2021 is the implementation requirements of 800 MHz radios. We are in compliance.

Treasurer Report; Report on file. Noted items: Opened CD at Choice 1 Bank. Deposited \$80,000 at .3 %. Matures 2/2022. Motion by Ungrey, seconded by Frantz to accept Treasurer's Report. All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: Reported that Great Lakes Energy is working to provide High Fiber Internet to our area. The township is being allotted \$124, 707 in Covid relief through the American Rescue Plan.

Unfinished Business:

1. Website Updates- Rodarmer checked on other options, but they are cost inhibitive. Decision was to stay with Todd and have 10-12 interactive forms available. He is mailing a new contract for Board's review.
2. Direct Deposit for Board Members- Howes checked with Quickbooks and it would require a much more expensive software package and a payroll subscription service. Stockwell checked with the bank and it would be an additional \$40/month fee. Board decided to leave it as is.
3. Road Commission Fuel for Cemetery- Frantz checked with Road Commission and they were not willing to do that.
4. Cemetery Contract-Rodarmer presented a "work in progress" contract for review and discussion. Winter hours and rates still need to be added and addressed. Contract was postponed for further discussion.
5. Township Clean-Up Date- After checking rates, Rodarmer reported that Republic Waste is still the cheapest, dumpster is reserved, and immediate pickup after clean-up day has been requested. Date has been set for June 5th, 2021. Since this is significantly earlier in the year and notices can not be sent with summer tax bills, there was discussion about how to notify residents. Stockwell checked with PCI

about postcards and they can print them for us. We discussed ads in the Hi-lights. Ungrey is checking about putting announcement on Diamond Lake Association fb page and in their newsletters.

6. Port-a-pots- port-a-pots will be at the Beach and Cemetery from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

New Business:

1. Appoint Planning Commission Members- Discussion about whether the PC needed to have more meetings. After PC member comments it was determined they did not need more meetings. Stockwell suggested checking what the role and responsibilities are in other townships and questioned whether we needed to add to their responsibilities. Motion to approve Randy Carson to another term by Frantz, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to appoint Greg Jenson to Planning Commission by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Approval of Zoning Administrator's Contract-Board requested input from M. Nerad. He had no additions/subtractions to the contract. He accepted as written. Motion by Stockwell to approve the contract, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Approval of Assessor's Contract- Jeanne LaVallee was not present. She was not in favor of the presented contract and presented another updated contract and requested a raise from \$11.25 to \$14/ parcel. After Board discussion, it was decided to offer her \$12/parcel and postpone approval of the contract until April's meeting.
4. Appoint ZBA Members-no members to appoint. The open position was mentioned at the meeting and was going to be posted on the township website.
5. Vote to Approve Cemetery Ordinances-Motion to approve amended Cemetery Ordinance as presented. Motion by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Diamond Lake Store-It was brought to the Boards attention that the Diamond Lake Store has potentially been sold. There are rumors afloat that the new owners may wish to sell marijuana. Ungrey questioned where the township stood on the issue. The Board reminded everyone that they opted out of marijuana retail sale sites in township last October. There was some discussion about the revenue opportunity the township may be missing. There was a request from the public that there be a public hearing if the Board decided to revisit the idea of marijuana sales.

Motion to accept Supervisor's Report by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to convene Regular Business Meeting by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to enter into Public Budget Hearing by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Frantz, seconded by Ungrey to adopt Resolution 21-03 (General Fund) as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz to adopt Resolution 21-04 (Road Fund Appropriations) as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer to adopt Resolution 21-05 (Building Authority Fund) as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.
10. Motion by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey to adopt Resolution 21-06 (Fire Fund) as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.
11. Motion by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz to adopt Resolution 21-07 (Poverty Homestead Exemption) as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.
12. Set Meeting Dates and Times- Motion to accept the dates as presented by Ungrey. Seconded by Frantz. All ayes, motion carried.

Dates to be as follows:

Regular Board Meetings: April 15, 2021, May 20, 2021, June 17, 2021, July 15, 2021, August 19, 2021, Sept. 16, 2021, Oct. 21, 2021, Nov. 18, 2021, Dec. 16, 2021, Jan. 2022(no meeting), Feb. 17, 2022, and March 17, 2022

Planning Commission: June 3, 2021, Sept 2, 2021, Dec 2, 2021, and Mar. 3, 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals: April 5, 2021 and Oct. 4, 2021

13. Motion to Approve and Amend Budget Report as needed for year end March 31, 2021 by Stockwell. Seconded by Frantz. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.
14. Motion to approve and pay all year end expenses for March 31, 2021 by Stockwell. Seconded by Ungrey. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Public Budget Hearing at 8:23 PM by Stockwell. Seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to reconvene Regular Business Meeting at 8:24 PM by Stockwell. Seconded by Frantz. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to pay bills by Stockwell. Seconded by Ungrey. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Howes presented two letters. One from the WCAFD Joint building Authority thanking us for completing our obligation and paying our part in full to the WC Fire District Building Project and saving our tax payers \$\$39,640.22 in interest. The second was from MTA, thanking us for renewing our membership.

Final Public Comment:

Milan Nerad requested a larger dumpster at the Public Beach over the 4th of July weekend to help better manage the trash that accumulates on that busy weekend. Rodarmer agreed it was a good idea.

There was a request for an evaluation of the "land bridge" up by Diamond Lake by the Road Commission.

Rodarmer requested input as to which roads need to be considered for improvements this year.

With no objections, the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Howes, Deputy Clerk