

Lincoln Township- Newaygo County

Regular Board Meeting

July 20, 2023 @ 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Rodarmer at 7:00 PM

All members present: Rodarmer, Howes, Ungrey, Stockwell, Frantz

Supervisor led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2023 with clerical corrections by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Additions:

Unfinished Business #2: Stockwell Construction – revised invoice

New Business #7: Driveway at cemetery and parking lot at hall- new gravel

Public Comment #1- No public comment

Reports:

1. Zoning Report- June and July on file
2. Fire Board-Four runs in Lincoln Twp. Discussion about the Suction Line at Diamond Lake. It is marked with a plastic bottle. There is currently 2" of silt over it. Discussion about whether to abandon it and get a new line. Do EGLE and the DNR need to get involved? The cost would be Lincoln Township's responsibility. S. Nerad mentioned the meetings are open to the public and are the 3rd Wed of the month at 7 PM. Hydrant at Luce/Quincy is not working. WCFD to repair and send Lincoln Twp the bill. Noggle reported that the number of runs are adding up considerably. They usually have approx. 150 runs per year. We are already at 25-50. The Medical First Responders meeting will be July 24th at 6 PM at Fire Barn. Frantz questioned the frequency of valve exercises? Discussion about how MFR will look if only 3 are committed and 2 remain on the fence. The fee will be \$125 per run, billed to the township. Discussion about liens and special tax assessments. Noggle requested copy of L-4029. Howes to mail.
3. Treasurer's Report- Tax bills went out July 1st and approx. 220 parcels have paid. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ungrey, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Supervisor's Report- Diamond Lake Beautification Board to meet Sept 13, 2023 at 6 PM at the township hall to discuss the special assessments renewal. July 13th Diamond Lake will be sprayed. Pike populations are lower. New furnace to be installed in August. Trees on township property on Lincoln have been removed. Stumps remain. Website going great. Stockwell suggested Rodarmer ask for more pictures on fb.

Unfinished Business:

1. Janitorial Contract- Howes presented contract. Copy to be given to Jerry Veverka to sign.
2. Stockwell Construction- Revised invoice. Rodarmer presented a motion to approve the invoice with revisions. Seconded by Frantz. Discussion: Stockwell Construction installed temporary lighting. JCH Electric submitted bids to permanently attach lighting as per NEC code and install wiring in MC flex. See estimates 280 and 281. All ayes. Motion carried. Stockwell abstained. Second motion to approve JCH Electric quote by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Howes abstained. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Tripp Land Combination- 3198 Apache Trail- Nerad presented Tripp's land combination for review. Nerad recommends approval. Makes lots more conforming. No additional discussion.
2. Change Township meeting dates- Rodarmer suggested the 4th Tuesday. Signs out front could be changes with a removable slide similar to the name plates. Stockwell and Howes both requested the day stay in the 3rd week. Moving weeks causes conflict with Stockwell. Howes commented that the 4th week will interfere with February and/or March elections. Questions about timely paperwork. Howes stated she could work with the 3rd Tuesday. Idea tabled until August for further discussion.
3. Propane provider- Stockwell recommended calling MEC. Howes recommended Excel. Howes to ask for municipality discounts, locked in pricing, and 250# tank rentals. Motion for Howes to get three quotes and choose the best provider based on quotes by Rodarmer, seconded by Stockwell. Discussion about getting rid of fuel oil tank. M. Nerad suggested advertising it to get rid of it. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Fire Withholding Administrator- Stockwell was appointed to be the administrator. Howes to prepare resolution for August meeting.
5. Swim Beach- Rodarmer requested to add sand, gravel, and picnic tables. Recommended picnic tables to be expanded metal with rubber coating. Suggested we consider redoing the parking lot barriers. Would like to use ARPA money. Rodarmer to present ideas in August.
6. Q1 Budget Review- Howes to make the requested changes. See notes for desired changes. Most notably to move fire funds back to year end 2022. Discussion about MFR and how to pay for the runs. Howes to check about adding a milage. Can it be on the Aug ballot? November ballot? No Board members could attend on July 24th. MFR meeting. S. Nerad to attend and report back.
7. Cemetery road gravel – Frantz requested that the driveways at the cemetery have dolomite added to them. Discussion about using ARPA money. Rodarmer to call and get quotes for roads to be 12' wide. Frantz to get her footages. Hall parking: Frantz suggested we consider getting more gravel for the township parking lot. Look at ways to fix wash out. If adding gravel, Rodarmer suggested we look at adding a walkway from the front steps to the parking lot. Howes requested a space for the ballot box if we are to add any cement.

Correspondence: Consumers area representative contact sheet. Assorted newsletters. Stockwell got letter from Liquor Control Commission. Sent letter back that we do not police liquor laws/permits. Funds to go to County. MERS statements for Board members are available online.

Pay bills: Frantz does not like Noggle charging us for milage to drop off paperwork. Stated he will not approve it again. Howes to talk to Noggle and inform that there is a drop box at the hall now. Discussed decals for township. Rodarmer to check with MTA about selling items. Discussed the rising cost of Township Clean Up days and the little amount of credit we get back for scrap. Motion to pay the bills by Rodarmer. Seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment #2: Discussion about the plastic bottle left in the lake by WCFD. Residents called about it being a safety issue. Discussion about ballot box location and handicap access.

Board Comments: Frantz to discuss water line maintenance with Chief Stratton. Stockwell had questions about a Zoning payment check from Lilly Township made out to M. Nerad. M. Nerad said to deposit it into the township account. It was work he did pro-bono for Lilly Township. Discussion about snow plowing and what that looks like with Clerk working at the hall. Howes stated that there will be a Short Term Rental Ordinance coming up for review in August. Discussion about not installing a vanity in the bathroom due to ADA concerns. Not going to install new vanity. Discussed mounting hot water heater in a new location, such as in storage room at ceiling height. Hendrick's Heating and Cooling will be working at the hall August 14th and 15th. Schindy's Public Hearing for July 31st has been cancelled. Issue was resolved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM by Rodarmer, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Howes, Clerk