

Lincoln Township-Newaygo County

Regular Business Meeting

August 17, 2023

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Rodarmer at 7 PM.

Supervisor led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to approve the minutes with minor clerical corrections (date typo) by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

New Business #7: Fire Insurance Withholding Appointment

Old Business #4: Roads

Public Comment: None

Reports:

1. Zoning Administrator: on file
2. Fire Board: Five runs in Lincoln Twp. Working on ParPlan grant for helmet cameras. MFR program is on hold until Jan 2024 as they do more research. Noggle reported on dry hydrant in Diamond Lake. We will have to extend out about 100' or relocate. It has 1-2 inches of silt on the line. Township is responsible for cost, but we would most likely have to hire someone to do it. Discussed putting it at the boat launch, but the Road Commission does not plow in the winter. Do we need to check with DNR? Rodarmer to talk with Dale at the Drain Commission. They checked the hydrant at Luce and Quincy and it is fine. It had good draw. MTA holding seminars and they plan to send some fire fighters. Fire Dept needs a new printer. MFR training has been completed.
3. Treasurer's Report: Discussed what happens with Fire Withholding monies (they just sit in the fund). Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Rodarmer, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Supervisor's Report: Ten yards of sand has been delivered to the swim beach. Kids are enjoying playing on it. Planning on one more load this fall. After final delivery, will get it smoothed out. One Township at a Time is going well. New fliers are available on the table. DL Beautification Board to meet to discuss Special Assessment on Sept 13, 2023 at 6 PM at the township hall. Website is still being worked on, but looks great. Grand Blvd looks great. Road Commission did a great job.

Old Business:

1. Swim Beach: New parking barrier and gravel: Board is going to slow down on ARPA spending and see where existing projects finish out. Rodarmer to get quotes for barriers, but maybe not gravel further discussion tabled until September.
2. Parking Lot at Hall-tabled until September
3. Moving meeting dates to 3rd Tuesday- Rodarmer requested to table until further notice
4. Roads- Howes requested they check to see if Wells needs gravel by road end

New Business:

1. Brian Miller the Fire Board Chair and WC Mayor was our special guest and discussed the New WCFD contracts. The old one expired 2011. The new one will take effect Jan 2024. There were items that needed to be updated/revised; such as, #14 C dealing with real property, operations budget was increased from \$1000 to \$20,000. Expenditures on Capital Acquisitions was changed from Unanimous to 4/5 as communications between townships sometimes caused a lag in processing, new location changes, will continue with annual renewals of an expired contract vs quarterly renewals. Looking at MFR program, as separate, but together will not work, must be merged with WCFD. Need to address billing concerns with MFR. Hoping to have it signed by December 31st. Had to go through a 1st and 2nd reading process with City of White Cloud. Looking into noticing options and checking to see if there is a cost sharing option available for all the townships.
2. Tree Trimming- Motion to approve quote from Christian Brothers for \$2800 to clear brush at the Swim Beach and clear the bottoms of the trees to improve lines of sight by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. Discussion about half down. No requirements noted on quote. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Short Term Rentals- Howes presented draft to the Board for their review. Reported that the Planning Commission will meet in Sept and forward them to the Board for Approval. Discussed need to set date for Public Hearing. Discussion about how the ordinance is being received at PC public hearings and how many are actually in Lincoln Township.
4. Early Voting Contract and November Election- Howes reported about how Early Voting is going to work. Presented revised numbers from County about cost of our three options (go alone, partner with another township, have county conduct early voting). Discussion about partnering with Denver Township and what that would look like. Discussed the fact that there will be a November election as NCRESA has wording on the ballot. Discussed having to start on AV applications and ballots in September. Before the vote, Howes announced her resignation with an effective date of August 31, 2023. Resignation letter submitted to Rodarmer. Motion to partner with Newaygo County for the nine days of early voting at least for 2024, due to the possibility the new Clerk will not be in place yet by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried. New ballot box has been ordered and will be reimbursed by State of MI.
5. Furnace- Motion to sell the old fuel oil tank for \$100 by Howes, seconded by Frantz. Furnace was damaged during removal and only good for scrap. Howes to ask Hendricks to remove. Hendricks to finish up on August 25th. Hold check until completed. Howes to coordinate propane install and inspections. Excel installing propane on Aug 21st.
6. Snowplowing Contract- Price to remain the same at \$75/plow. Rodarmer to check with Jace Silverthorn. If he would like the contract, Howes to send contract letter with update dates before the end of the month.
7. Fire Withholding- Motion to approve Resolution 23-07 by roll call vote.
Ayes- Frantz, Stockwell, Ungrey, Howes, Rodarmer
Nays-none Abstain: none

Correspondence: Normal newsletters

Pay Bills- Motion to pay the bills with the addition of Excel propane by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Resident asked if ARPA money could be used to fix dry hydrant at the lake. Questions on early voting and placement of ballot boxes. Requested confirmation of the DL Beautification Board meeting date and time (Sept 13th at 6 PM).

Board Comments: Howes mentioned the hot water heater electrical needed to be completed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Howes, Clerk