

Lincoln Township- Newaygo County

Regular Business Meeting

September 21, 2023

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Rodarmer, Howes, Ungrey, Stockwell, Frantz Absent: none

Motion to approve Aug, 17, 2023 minutes with the following changes by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried. Fire Board Report should have stated they were buying a new copier, not printer.

Motion to approve Aug. 23, 2023 minutes with the following changes by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried. Item #2 should have stated more accessible (not plowed).

Motion to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions by Ungrey, seconded by Stockwell. New Business #8: Land Combination (Richard Ghali) and #9 Audit Update. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Reports:

1. Zoning Administrator: Report on file
2. Fire Board: Fire Board accepted Brian Lakes resignation. Elected new Treasurer. Lincoln had 2 runs. They are checking new engine prices. New copy machine has been purchased (\$4500). Road Commission helped moved the dry hydrant to the swim beach.
3. Treasurer's Report- nothing unusual to report. There are approx. 180 outstanding parcels. Notes about who approved were not recorded.
4. Supervisor's Report: The Diamond Lake Board meeting was packed. There was discussion about the chemicals used in the lake. Clean up day is scheduled for Sept 23, 2023. Rodarmer to purchase pizza from Schindy's for the clean up day. She is ordering one more scoop of sand for the Swim Beach. Discussed snow plowing and Jace Silvethorn is all set.
5. Planning Commission Updates: The Short-Term Rental Ordinances are ready for Township Board review. Need to set date for Pubic Hearing. Joe Howes submitted his resignation. V. Howes suggested that at the next budget review the Board consider paying the Planning Commission Secretary for ordinance projects.

Unfinished Business:

1. Roads- Discussion about paving Gordon. Stockwell suggested reworking/extending Bingham and Wisner north of 3 Mile.
2. New Driveway/Parking lot at hall: Stockwell and Frantz were not crazy about the numbers for the township hall. Rodarmer wants to put it on hold for now. Motion to approve the bid from the Road Commission to grade and dolomite cemetery for \$11, 989.25 by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. Discussion about funding for it. Howes to move \$12,000 from the contingency fund to cemetery maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Logo Hats, Shirts, Flag, Sticker Quotes: Rodarmer requested it be tabled until October.

New Business:

1. Virginia Howes Resignation: Motion to accept Howes' resignation (for the second time) by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Clerk Position Updates: Motion to approve Jackie Bulson as the new Clerk as of October 1, 2023 by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. Howes to help with training.
3. Clerk Oath of Office- Rodarmer to administer after October 1, 2023.
4. Clerk Pay Resolution: Motion to approve Resolution 23-06- Resolution to Establish Township Officer's Salary. Roll call vote.
Yeas- Frantz, Stockwell, Ungrey, Howes, Rodarmer Nays-none Abstain: none
5. Planning Commission Appointments:
 - a. Motion to accept Joe Howes' resignation by Rodarmer, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes, Motion carried
 - b. Motion to appoint Josh Frantz to Planning Commission as Board Rep effective October 1, 2023 by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - c. Motion to appoint V. Howes to Planning Commission as Secretary by Rodarmer, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Gabridge Engagement letter. Motion to accept Gabridge and Co quote to complete our 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Audit by Rodarmer, seconded by Stockwell.
7. Short-Term Rentals- Set date for Public Hearing. Public hearing to be October 19, 2023 at 6 PM at the Township Hall.
8. Land Combo (Richard Ghali) ZA Milan Nerad presented a land combo for 697 W Lincoln. His recommendation is for approval.
9. Audit Update: Gabridge is working on it. They have sent over all the requests for support materials. Howes is about 90% done returning the files. Howes requested anyone who received a Risk Analysis letter from the auditors to return them ASAP as the Audit is due to the State by October 1st.

Correspondence:

Stockwell mentioned that sections for the Dec tax bill newsletter will be due the beginning of November. Questioned if we wanted anything about a Spring/Fall Clean Up date. Howes mentioned there might be an update to the Clerk hours.

Motion to pay the bills as presented by Ungrey, seconded by Stockwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Howes was thanked for her time as Clerk.

Board Comments:

Stockwell has received complaints about Assessor again. Howes has as well. Wilcox has a new assessor they really like. Questions about who handles the website. Stockwell questioned if that should be assigned to a person. Rodarmer to send minutes to E4 Media to update website. New website will have a calendar. Howes has turned the bathroom heat back on.

Motion to adjourn at 7: 54 PM by Rodarmer, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Virginia Howes, Clerk