

# ***Lincoln Township-Newaygo County***

## ***Regular Business Meeting***

***October 19, 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, Bulson, Ungrey, Stockwell, Frantz

Motion to approve the minutes 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: correct item numbers, addition of #5 Bhs Building Insurance premium

**Public Comment:** None

#### **Reports:**

1. Zoning Administrator: issued 2 zoning permits
2. Fire Board: Sharon Nerad resigned from the Fire Board; Brian Miller presented discussion regarding CD's \$250,000.00 -- 12 Month CD and a 2<sup>nd</sup> CD for \$100,000.00 earning 5% interest. The Fire Department is currently looking at getting bids on a new Fire Truck.
3. Treasurer's Report: Discussed CD from Class Account. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report Ungrey, seconded by Frantz. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Supervisor's Report: Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on November 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Special Meeting will be held November 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Shindy's will be donating and placing Wreaths on all Veterans graves at the Cemetery on December 16, 2023 at 12:00, Noon. They will also remove them. Rodarmer is checking on a possible Grant through the DNR to get a Kayak launch on their Dock.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Michael Beach, Assessor: People have complained that their calls are not getting answered. He says they are that Tom, his son works remotely on those. Possibly messages aren't being left and that people should be calling the number on the Web page, 866-921-9293. He also talked in depth about the Veterans' Land Tax Exemptions. They hold the review meeting in December. Veterans can do applications beginning Jan 1, 2024 and must have applications in before the Board of Review meeting each December. Bulson ask why the same Veterans must reapply year after year, and Beach explained that it is due to the way the Bill regarding that is written. Assessor is required to Audit those.
2. Beach and Rodarmer attended a meeting at the County office regarding Land Divisions and Combinations. The County office would like every township to use a standard form, however the County would require residents to get a Survey every time they do anything. The Township Board does NOT want our Residents to incur that kind of cost. We decided not to agree to use that form and Rodarmer will get more info and clarification for further discussion later.
3. Beach also added that the Assessor Fees will likely be going up by 5%.

## Old Business:

1. Rodarmer stated that she has not received any feed back on when the Cemetery Road work would be completed. Hopefully before Winter.
2. Rodarmer is still waiting for a couple of price quotes to come back regarding Hats, shirts, etc.
3. Veteran Signage at the Cemetery: Frantz handed reporting on those to Bulson as she and her husband and son took the lead with a vendor they used before. They got an estimate to Lazer cut 6 signs, one for each branch of the Military, for approximately \$200.00. Then contacted Rockford Powder Coating about Powder Coating the signs in the correct Branch's official colors. Rockford Powder Coating will be donating the cost for that. Board all agreed that that would be great. Signage order will be placed.
4. Fire Board Merger Agreement: Brian Miller stated that Fire & Rescue will likely combine. He will contact the Attorney to come and explain all of that to the Board. Was supposed to start January 1 2024 but it will not as the contracts etc. will not be ready. Motion to approve by Stockwell, supported by Frantz; All Ayes, motion passed.

## New Business:

1. Bulson ask about Creating a Temporary Position of Election Director/Coordinator and appointing Virginia Howes to that position until new Clerk, Bulson, knows the process. Likely thru November 2024 as Bulson will not be able to Clerk the August Primary and November Election in 2024 if she runs for Clerk in that cycle. The rate of pay to be \$15.00 per hour on an as needed schedule. Motion to implement the Temporary position by Ungrey, seconded by Rodarmer, All Ayes, Motion carried.
2. Motion to Accept the Joint Fire Board Merger Ordinance by Rodarmer, seconded by Bulson  
Roll Call Vote: Frantz-yes, Stockwell-yes, Ungrey -Yes, Bulson-yes, Rodarmer-yes  
Motion to Accept Sharon Nerads Resignation from the Fire Board, made by Rodarmer, seconded by Stockwell. All Ayes, Motion carried.
3. Planning Commission: Special Projects? Question on how often they meet and what they would be paid? Tabled to discuss at a later date.  
Virginia Howes stated that the State wants to take control of Ordinances regarding Green Energy. The state says often times the local Boards are holding up progress. The State would like to use more rural land for Wind and Solar Energy Projects. Power companies tend to target Townships as the holdup. State could possibly force Eminent Domain as a way around local ordinances and rules. More info is available on the MTA Website.
4. Bhs Insurance: Premium went up quite a bit. Rodarmer made the motion to pay the Premium, seconded by Stockwell. All Ayes motion passed.  
We will shop around to other Insurance Companies after November 10, 2023.

**Correspondence:** Normal newsletters

**Pay Bills:** Motion to pay the bills with the addition Gerald Dickinson for Cemetery Winterization by Stockwell, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comments:** Discussion regarding the Dry Hydrant, in the past there hasn't been a charge for that from the Road Commission but Stockwell stated that Everett Township did receive a bill for theirs this year. So, we'll see.

Bulson ask is Ballot Box is ADA Compliant, Nerad stated it is. We will table until new box from the state arrives.

Stockwell made the motion to Approve signing the Early Voting Agreement seconded by Rodarmer, all ayes motion approved.

Board discussed getting the Township Logo put on Envelopes, letterhead etc., Bulson will check on cost for that.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Rodarmer and seconded by Frantz, All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted by, Jackie Bulson, Clerk