

Lincoln Township-Newaygo County

Regular Board Meeting

April 20, 2023 @ 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Supervisor led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Unfinished Business #5: Mowing of Parks New Business #3 Janitorial Compensation #4 Charter Communication

Public Comment: none

Zoning Administrator's Report: On file

Fire Board Report: Sharon Nerad reported there was one roll over near 3 Mile and Gordon. The asbestos report for 1308 W 1 Mile was negative, so the house will be a scheduled burn and disposal. They are replacing their largest truck after 32 years of service. Parking lot is getting resealed. They did their annual clean up along M-37.

Treasurer's Report: Delinquent tax payout has been done. People are still paying their late taxes. Pontem software has been installed. Training has been rescheduled three times. All burial permits have been scanned in (approx. 300 of them). Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as submitted by Frantz, seconded by Howes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

Everyone had a great time at the MTA annual conference and learned a lot. Got some good information on Solar and Wind Ordinances. Looked at an online Zoning Software. Christian Brothers cleaned up and need to finish grinding the stump. The second Township Clean Up Day is September 23, 2023. Discussion about advertising vs tax inserts. Rodarmer is working on Memorial Day Program- township is providing water and cookies. Amy questioned invoicing from Go Daddy and website.

Planning Commission Report: Howes reported on Air B&B's. June 1st will be the first presentation of the ordinance at the Planning Commission meeting.

Assessor's Report: Beach gave background on Proposal A and explained why everyone has a 5% increase in their taxable value. Lincoln's assessed value went up: Ag (6%), Commercial (17.9%), Residential (8.4%). Since there was a cap at 5%, expect another jump in 2024. BOR had 10 petitions: 7 Veteran's Exemptions, 1 Recapture, and 2 valuation requests – 1 approved and 1 denied.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hall Renovations
 - A. Rodarmer distributed five heating/cooling bids for Board review. Discussion/decision to take place at May meeting.
 - B. Hall Renovations: Opened two sealed bids from Smith Construction and Stockwell Construction. Reviewed quotes and compared prices on each itemized item. Hot water heater not addressed in Stockwell quote. Both quotes considered without the hot water heater. Hot water heater to be addressed in a new separate request for bid. Motion to accept Stockwell Construction bid with the inclusion of paneling item for \$43,985.00 with 50% down by Howes, seconded by Frantz. Roll call: Yes: Frantz, Ungrey, Howes, Rodarmer. Nay: none Abstain: Stockwell. Motion to rebid hot water heater at a later date by Howes, seconded by Rodarmer. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Logo Contest – Three finalist presented by Rodarmer. Final renditions are posted on fb. Voting has begun and finalist will be announced at the June Township meeting. Discussion about shape and size as it relates to stationary and such.
3. Roads – Gravel price for Cole Creek Lane was not obtained. Tabled until the June meeting.
4. Novotny Training- Rodarmer to check on availability for May 10th 2023
5. Mowing of Parks – Discussion about the pending Wage and Hour Laws and how it would apply to volunteers and their earning paid vacation time. Motion that West Park to be mowed by the Sexton by Stockwell, seconded by Howes. Discussion: Randy Vredevoogd discussed the situation with his insurance company. He discovered his insurance will not cover him, so he is not interested in signing a Volunteer Waiver Form, nor to continue mowing the grass. There was more discussion about how long it takes to mow and trim the park. It was stated it should take about a half hour per mow. As in the past Rose and Julie had helped mow the park, Rose (Przybylski) and Julie (Tamm) were asked their thoughts about mowing and they replied “No comment”. Motion made by Stockwell and seconded by Howes to add \$385 to the annual mowing contract amount, so the total compensation (April to October) will be \$1,085.00. Position to be paid through payroll. No additional discussion. Roll Call: Ayes- Stockwell, Ungrey, Rodarmer, Howes. Nays: None Abstain: Frantz.

New Business:

1. Michael Beach – moved to the beginning of meeting. See Assessor Report.
2. Dr Jude – Date still has not been determined regarding his report about Diamond Lake. There has been discussion about splitting the cost of his trip between the Beautification Board, Lincoln Township, and Diamond Lake Association. More to come at June meeting.
3. Janitorial Compensation: Howes motioned to increase the janitorial pay to \$50 per month and classify him as an employee, rather than an Independent Contractor, seconded by Ungrey. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Charter Communications: Motion to approve a Franchise Fee of 0% from the Charter Use Agreement by Stockwell, seconded by Frantz. Discussion: Charter Communications offered the Township the opportunity to charge our residents a franchise fee from 0-5%. Upon passage of the motion, Howes to return the Use Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: MTA- upcoming conferences for Cemetery and Planning and Zoning. Road Commission sent letter regarding Road Right of Way issues on Gordon and 3 Mile, and a County Hazardous Waste flier (May 20th)

Pay Bills: Howes requested the following additions: State of Michigan (withholding) for \$959.85 and Independent Bank Credit Card for \$3214.87. Motion to pay the bills by Stockwell, seconded by Ungrey. Discussion about duplicate checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There were some questions about cemetery regulations regarded decorations at gravesites. Two fliers were handed out: Gotion meeting on Sat., April 22, 2023 and American Decency event on May 9, 2023, and questions about mowing West Park.

Board Comments:

Howes commented that the MERS contribution rate has been increase to 20% effective in May.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM by Rodarmer, seconded by Frantz.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Howes, Clerk