

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2018

Purpose of the meeting: Regular monthly meeting of the Lockport Township Board.

Members Present: Mark Major, Mike Friesner, Beccy Friesner, Tammy Babcock, Theresa Gherna-Ankney, Paul Bungart, Dale Hutson, Doug Kuhlman, Rhonda Wright

Members Absent: Melissa Major

Call to order: The June 11, 2018 meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Major at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Mike made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Tammy seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Approval of Minutes: Tammy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 14, 2018 as presented. Mike seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Public Comments:

- A. Dennis Allen, 3rd District Commissioner, attended the meeting to answer questions. Charlene Zavala asked Dennis about the Victim Services Unit not receiving any help with purchasing pagers after the recent E-911 millage request passed. He will check with Sheriff Balk and Undersheriff Lillywhite about the possibility of the Unit being able to receive funding for pagers. Motorola has discounted the cost of the project by \$870,000 because work was able to start sooner than expected. Dennis will be running for his commission seat again in November. Mike asked Dennis about returning to a seven-member board of commissioners. He is in favor but this would not be possible until after the 2020 census is completed. Tim Carls asked if the road commission board could be removed and the county board assume the duties. This could be an option; however, he is not in favor of the county board taking this approach at this time. Chris Minger, current road commission manager, is retiring in September. They are currently interviewing candidates for this position.
- B. Tim Carls attended the meeting to announce he is also running for 3rd District Commissioner on the Democratic ticket. He feels the road commission board should be dissolved and the county needs to become creative in finding ways to fix the road problems in the county. His running platform is the road commission problems and the county budget.

Enforcement Officer Report:

- A. Doug presented the zoning permit log showing nine permits have been requested and approved year to date.
- B. Twelve properties are needing to be mowed within the township.
- C. He has sent five bid packages out for the demolition of the Wilbur Road property currently owned by the Township. They have until the end of this month to return.
- D. The recent petition submitted to the County Clerk was done by a citizen action group and not the Township board. One percent of registered voters as of the last general election needed to sign the petition. The group collected twice as many needed signatures. Once the County Clerk has reviewed the accuracy of the petition, she will forward to the board of commissioners for approval. If approved, a vote of Lockport Township and the City of Three Rivers residents would then happen. Theresa questioned Doug regarding the Township's liability if the property were to be returned to the Township and he indicated the Township would not have any liability.

- E. A property that was demolished a few years ago has a potential buyer who contacted Doug requesting the Township reduce the lien filed against said property. The lien is approximately \$23,000 and she would like the Township to reduce this amount \$5,000 to \$8,000. Mike made a motion to not accept the verbal offer of reducing our lien. Paul seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Theresa-Yes, Tammy-Yes, Mark-Yes, Paul-Yes, Mike-Yes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Assessors Report:

A.

Treasurers Report and Bills:

- A. Mike reported the following monthly cash statement.
Checking balance \$1,689.15 with \$103,096.55 transferred from SMB account, and checks drawn in the amount of \$103,096.55. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$88.35.
Balance of accounts to date are checking account \$1,625.11; SMB savings account \$117,068.03 (\$92,000 for fire truck fund); Flagstar savings account \$249,772.91; Horizon Bank CD \$178,703.90; Kellogg Community Credit Union CD \$76,091.06; Three Rivers Banking Center CD \$112,042.40; and Southern Michigan Escrow account \$12,263.00 for a total of \$747,566.41.
Mark made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, file the report and pay the bills. Paul seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Community Development-Mark and Theresa attended the meeting. The Three Rivers library was the topic. Discussion was about the new library building and the need for limiting the use of the stairs because of security concerns. The elevator will need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$150,000 and the roof will need to be replaced within seven years at an approximate cost of \$100,000. Also addressed was the need to change the bridge to accommodate parking across the street.
- B. Intergovernmental Relations-Paul attended the meeting. The Chamber reported on upcoming events of the Administrative Professionals luncheon on April 25th, Google presentation on May 10th and the Three Rivers water festival will be from June 14th thru June 16th. Park Township and Fabius Township have passed their budgets and approved raises of 2.5% and 5% respectively for Board members. Constantine has also passed their budget and approved a raise of 3%. All three townships were in agreement about not giving funding to the DASC.
- C. ZBA-No meeting this month.
- D. Elections-Nothing to report this month.
- E. Nottawa Library-Mike reported there are 29,431 items in the collection, the computer usage was 305, monthly circulation 5,790, Audiobooks—Children 112, OverDrive 265, Interlibrary loan 341, there are 2,265 total patrons and 2,675 people used the library. Lockport patrons checked out 528 items in March. Children's author and illustrator Ruth McNally Barnshaw will be presenting a drawing class on April 3rd. The next meeting will be April 23rd at 4:00 p.m.
- F. Centreville Fire Department-Mark reported a one-year contract has been signed between the township and the fire department. There were no calls in Lockport Township for the month of March. The department purchased nine flashlights and six new Scott fire packs.
- G. Planning-No meeting this month.
- H. SCMCCI-Ed reported the audit has been performed and the assets of SMCCI exceeded its liabilities at the close of the year ended September 30, 2017. Office activities have slowed, which is normal this time of year with blight inspection activity increasing. At the May meeting the board should have more information and details on computer upgrades, repairs and a projected plan to continually improve the office electronics. Inspectors will be working toward re-certifications and renewed registrations with the State of Michigan. The Board

approved a revised Holiday closing schedule. The next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

- I. Three Rivers Library-Paul attending the meeting and reported for the month of February, checked out items by Lockport residents were 566 adults and 179 children. Township card holders are 1,000 adults and 297 children. The City of Three Rivers has the most users. No cost of renovation for the new library has been finalized. It is believed the heating and electric costs will be double what is paid now. No move in date has been determined.
- J. Water Department-Mark attended the April 3rd water board meeting. Linda Baker and Kelli Atkinson were interviewed for the open board member position. The water board recommends Kelli Atkinson be appointed. Mark made a motion to appoint Kelli Atkinson. Paul seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mike-no, Paul-yes, Theresa-no, Mark-yes. MOTION TIED 2-2. This item will be tabled until the May meeting. The annual water quality report has been mailed to customers and will be posted at the township hall. The board is looking into possibly installing a new well or a filtration system due to higher nitrate levels. The higher levels could be the result of recent flooding in the area. A possibility might be using the well one house by going deeper for a different Aquaphor.
- K. Website-Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- A. Mark is waiting to hear from Frontier if internet service is available at the township hall.
- B. Mark made a motion to spend up to \$250 for a locking mailbox. Mike seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Paul-yes, Theresa-yes, Mark-yes, Mike-yes. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
- C. Extra shelving units and tables from the storage room are available if any one would be interested.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Paul seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is May 14, 2018 at the Township hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Rhonda Wright
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: