

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 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, Doug Kuhlman, Dale Hutson, Rhonda Wright

Members Absent: Melissa Major

Call to order: The December 10, 2018 meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Major at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Major lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes: Mike made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 12, 2018 as presented. Tammy seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Public Comments:

- A. Ron White, 57071 Ivy Lane addressed the board with two items
 - 1. His first concern is the condition of Ivy Lane. The US Postal Service and UPS, among other delivery agencies, have refused to deliver to the homes on this road due to poor conditions. Mark explained that this is a private road and the residents pay a maintenance assessment. Dee Callender is the spokesperson (contact) for the road and that they should contact her to discuss how the funds collected should be used for repairs and maintenance. The assessment can be raised if all property owners agree. Currently there is approximately \$3,000 in the fund for Ivy Lane.
 - 2. His second concern was his property tax amount. In September he contacted someone regarding his tax bill being approximately \$500 more than other properties on the same road. Dale provided his business card to contact his office for review and to discuss. One possible reason could be that he does not personally occupy the property. This may deem the property as non-owner occupied and would be taxed as such.

Enforcement Officer Report:

- A. The zoning permit log shows 33 permits have been requested and 28 have been approved year to date. One has been forwarded to the Planning Commission and one has been forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- B. There is nothing new to report at this time in regard to the Sports Complex.
- C. Doug and Beccy attended the Marijuana workshop in November. He has received numerous correspondence in regards to the new recreational marijuana law passed that became effective on 12/6/2018. As of the effective date, any government body wanting to opt out would need to pass an ordinance. Previously, opting out of the medical marijuana law required the government body to do nothing in the way of an ordinance. Medical and recreational marijuana are two different laws. As of right now, LARA has not written the laws that will govern the recreational marijuana. They feel it will take at least one year or possibly longer to have in place. Doug provided a Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments Ordinance that was compiled by legal counsel. Even if the ordinance is passed the Board can reverse

their decision in the future. The Board agreed to table the ordinance until the next regular meeting.

Assessors Report:

- A. Board of Review will be held at the Township hall on December 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
- A. Dale provided the year to date land division report showing the Higley property on Constantine Road land division has now been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- B. Three parcels that were annexed into the City of Three Rivers for the sports complex are pending with the tax tribunal for tax exemptions. The City believes the properties should be tax exempt, however they are still on the tax rolls. The properties will be taken off the tax roll in 2019. Annexation was five properties, however the other two are still owned by another property owner.

Treasurers Report and Bills:

- A. Mike reported the following monthly cash statement.
Checking balance \$1,068.81 with \$18,476.64 transferred from SMB account and \$12,262.00 transferred from the SMB escrow account, and checks drawn in the amount of \$30,738.64. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$1,910.11. Balance of accounts to date are checking account \$1,068.81; SMB savings account \$285,454.02 (\$92,000 for fire truck fund); Flagstar savings account \$251,982.22; Horizon Bank CD \$180,795.70; Kellogg Community Credit Union CD \$76,415.70; Three Rivers Banking Center CD \$112,320.38; and Southern Michigan Escrow account \$1.00 for a total of \$908,037.83. Tammy made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, file the report and pay the bills. Paul seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Community Development-No report this month.
- B. Intergovernmental Relations-Paul reported the chamber's 2019 trip will be a Danube River Cruise October 20-29, 2019. The chamber Christmas party will be sometime in January. The County reported the Finance Director has accepted another position and has resigned. Park Township reported they will be fixing North Fisher Lake Road next year. Fabius will be doing \$100,000 of road repairs in 2019. The Fabius Treasurer has resigned effective in January. The City of Three Rivers reported their PFAS test was negative.
- C. ZBA-No report this month.
- D. Elections-No report this month.
- E. Nottawa Library-Mike reported there were 2,404 total patrons, the monthly circulation was 4,766, overdrive was 309, inter-library loan was 447, and the people count was 2,821, Lockport residents were 337 for the month of November.
- F. Centreville Fire Department-No report this month. Mark did say that a recent fire at the previous Village Market store was handled very professionally by both Centreville and the City of Three Rivers departments.
- G. Planning-No report this month.
- H. SCMCCI-Ed presented the November meeting summary. The new part-time employee handling bookkeeping tasks is working very well on a flexible, as needed schedule. Pavilion Township is the newest member and recorded 14 inspections in the first two weeks of joining. Marengo Township, Calhoun County, has expressed interest in joining SCMCCI. The Board also discussed health insurance and possible raising the application fees and inspector payments. The next meeting will be January 23 2019.
- I. Three Rivers Library- Paul reported the library board still has not received final cost figures for the new library. The board will be preparing a letter to send to the design firm stating they are looking to hire another firm. The plans have been approved by the Planning Commission.

- J. Water Department- Mark reported the results of the PFAS test showed 2 parts per trillion at well 2 and nothing detected at well 3. A letter will be mailed to all water department customers indicating the test results and providing websites that further explain the testing and results. The board is still waiting for the price to install a test well to possible proceed with installing a new well. Final approval has been received from PayClix for the processing of automatic payment. Automatic payment will be available for the fourth quarter billing.
- K. Website-No report this month.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

- A. Tammy provided the Board with a letter from Waste Management indicating they are raising their fees for 2019.

Adjournment: Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is January 14, 2019 at the Township hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Rhonda Wright

Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: 1-14-2019