

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lincoln Township Board
Thursday, February 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Township Board was held at the Lincoln Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Clerk Kriste Damron. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Treasurer Manda Haas, Clerk Kristie Damron, Trustee Noreen Walter, and Trustee Brenda Damron attending. Supervisor Gerald Wenkel was absent.

The meeting minutes from the January meeting were presented and read. Treasurer Haas made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Trustee Damron. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Haas. Trustee Damron made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Trustee Water. Motion carried.

Treasurer Haas received correspondence from our accounting firm, Quast Janke & Company CPAs regarding a monthly charge of \$325 that will start for the completion of quarterly payroll tax returns and W-2's. Currently, the Clerk completes the quarterly payroll tax returns. Treasurer Haas will contact them to confirm the charges.

A motion was made by Treasurer Haas to approve resolution 202402-01 to remove the garbage assessment from parcel #006-0-006-300-010-00 for property owner Robert & Marilyn Stein at 5884 W M-61, Standish, MI. Motion to approve resolution 202402-01 was made by Trustee Damron. Seconded by Trustee Water. Motion carried. The new garbage count for the township is 414.

A motion was made by Treasurer Haas to refund the garbage fees regarding resolution 2024-01. It was decided to table the motion to refund until it can be confirmed if the garbage fees are paid in arrears or ahead.

Clerk Damron received an email regarding Bay Human Services for property taxes. Clerk Damron forwarded the email onto Treasurer Haas to review and respond.

Motion made by Trustee Walter to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Treasurer Haas. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clerk Damron to update the budget to cover overages. \$750.00 was directed toward the Clerk's Expenses. \$1,500.00 was directed toward the Board of Review. \$32,136.83 was directed toward Roads. \$1,444.91 was directed toward Fire. \$1,500.00 was directed toward the Township Board. \$160.53 was directed toward Equalization. \$1,103.15 was directed toward the IRS. \$400.00 was directed toward Advertising. \$7,000 was directed toward Elections. It was decided to table the motion to update the budget to cover overages to the March meeting.

There was no Fire Authority report given.

There was no Assessor's report given.

Brenda Matt attended a Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency meeting. She noted that the website has resources and posts all meetings online. In the meeting, they discussed discounts for veterans, growth caps in Oregon, a court case where growers wanted to go from being taxed as industry to an agricultural tax, that the industry in Michigan would like to move away from having both the recreational and medical marijuana licenses. Regarding excise payments, the CRA does not have those figures, as the Treasury has those figures.

There will be a special use permit in March for Andrew Goick for a piece of property that was recently purchased. He turned in a diagram to Brenda that she will review. He would be under contractors and builder establishments, as he will be in a residential area.

The Board of Review will need to complete trainings. Brenda will confirm with Earl Steinbauer and Mark Osier regarding the dates that work best for them to set up training and let Treasurer Haas know which of the remaining dates to select from regarding the training. It is expected that they will complete an online training on February 26th.

There were no public hearings.

A motion was made by Treasurer Haas to request for the following Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe grants: Master Plan at a cost of \$12,500, replacing the stairs at the back of the building and the stairs at the side of the building at an unknown cost that will have a request for bids on, and diving part of the hall off for an office space for the Treasurer and Clerk at an unknown cost that will have a request for bids on. It was decided to table the vote regarding the grant to the March meeting.

A motion was made by Treasurer Haas to increase the salaries of the deputy clerk, deputy treasurer, the clerk, the trustees. Trustee Damron made a motion to increase the salary of the treasurer. It was suggested that the trustees should be increased to \$2,400.00 each, the clerk should be increased to \$9,000.00, and the treasurer should be increased to \$9,600. It was decided to table the vote regarding the salary increases to the March meeting.

A motion was made by Treasurer Haas to have Standish-Sterling Youth Sports Organization cover the electric bill during the months that they use the Lincoln Township ball fields from April to July as rent. Currently, the Organization is responsible for seeding the fields, fencing, dugouts, bleachers, supplying the restrooms, all mowing and parking during the months of April to July. The current contract signed in May 2012 does not have stipulations regarding the utilities. It was decided to table the discussion and vote on rent until all of the electric bills and rental contract can be reviewed to the March meeting.

Clerk Damron noted that there was a light out in the Carpool Lot location on M-61. Trustee Walter would contact Supervisor Wenkel to determine if he knows who to contact regarding the light, otherwise Trustee Walter would contact Consumer's Energy.

Treasurer Haas is still trying to find a cleaning company to clean the Township Hall location.

Motion to adjourn made by Treasurer Haas. Seconded by Trustee Damron. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2024 at 6:00 at the Lincoln Township Hall.

Kristie Damron, Clerk

Gerald Wenkel, Supervisor