

Larkin Charter Township
Regular Board Meeting
3027 N Jefferson Rd, Midland
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members present: *Sadow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch*

Absent: *None*

Guests: *Trent Atkins, Mutual Aid Box Alarm System*

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Motion by Draves, support by Deitsch, to accept the agenda with additions – Endo Bankruptcy, Listing Price Adjustment for Township Property for Sale, and Hardship Exemption.

Yeas: Moe, Sadow, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch

Nays: None

Absent: None

Correspondence

Citizens for Local Choice

Public Comment

None

Guests

Trent Atkins presented information regarding the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and provided draft of contract for this agreement.

Action Items:

- *Columbarium Pricing.*

The Columbarium is installed at the cemetery. The Board needs to set pricing for usage. Tabled so Clerk can check with Lee Township to get comparative pricing.

- *Salary Resolution Correction.*

There was an error regarding compensation for Brad Keskey, Zoning Enforcement Officer. Rates are as follows:

\$30 per visit per address (not \$25)
\$25 per hour over 15 minutes for visit/research/etc. (not \$20)
\$30 for Service of Process for Notice of Hearing (not \$25)

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Draves to approve Resolution 01-24-09.01.

Yeas: *Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch, Sandow, Moe*
Nays: *None*
Absent: *None*

- *Resolution to certify Abandoned Property.*

This resolution needs to be certified annually. The Board first adopted in 2023. This resolution provides for accelerated forfeiture.

Motion by Draves, support by Owens to approve Resolution 02-24-10: Resolution for Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act (Public Act 132 of 1999).

Yeas: *Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch, Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich*
Nays: *None*
Absent: *None*

- *Baseball Foundation Grant.*

The Baseball Foundation is accepting grant applications for 2024. Clerk would like to apply for the grant again this year in an effort to purchase accessible playground equipment for the Park.

Motion by Deitsch, support by Draves to authorize Clerk to apply for Baseball Foundation Grant.

Yeas: *Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch, Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens*
Nays: *None*
Absent: *None*

- *Application for vacant ZBA position.*

The Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy due to David Schneiders retirement. The Supervisor received interest in this position from two individuals – Kay Rinas and Scott MacFarlane.

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Benter-Rich to appoint Kay Rinas, current alternate to the vacant position and Scott MacFarland as alternate.

Yeas: *Deitsch, Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves*
Nays: *None*
Absent: *None*

- *Application for vacant Board of Review position.*

Due to Andrew Reder moving out of the Township, the position of Board of Review Alternate is vacant. The Supervisor received interest in this position from Scott MacFarland.

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Draves to appoint Scott MacFarland as Board of Review Alternate.

Yeas: *Moe, Sandow, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Endo Bankruptcy Settlement Offer.*

Endo is filing for bankruptcy and is offering a settlement for any opioid crisis lawsuits. There may be money received by the state and local municipalities as a result of this settlement. Attorney Thompson recommends accepting this settlement.

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Moe to accept this offer.

Yeas: *Draves, Deitsch, Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Listing Price for Township Property for Sale.*

Realtor suggests we lower the listing prices for the two parcels still for sale. Recommended prices are \$58,500 and \$56,500.

Motion by Draves, support by Deitsch to approve suggested list prices.

Yeas: *Deitsch, Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Hardship Exemption.*

The Hardship Exemption for Board of Review must be approved by the Board annually. No changes to the Exemption are proposed for this year.

Motion by Draves, support by Deitsch to continue with current Hardship Exemption.

Yeas: *Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch, Sandow, Moe*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Consent Agenda

Approval of February 2024 Payroll, January/February 2024 Invoices, and January 9th 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Deitch, support by Owens to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yeas: *All*

Nays: *None*

Department Reports:

Fire Department:

- Emergency Call Summary:
 - 24 Medical
 - 22 Electrical/Tree Hazards
 - 3 Vehicle Accidents
 - 3 Carbon Monoxide Leaks
 - 2 Natural Gas Leaks
 - 2 Automatic Fire Alarms
- Medical License Renewal is still in progress
- New engine update – body fabrication/paint is in progress. Currently on target for mid-to-late April completion.

Clerk:

- February Presidential Preference Primary is February 27th. Early voting begins February 17th.

Treasurer:

- General Fund: \$4,184,171.95
- Sanitation: \$323,461.13
- Water 1: \$506,545.37
- Water 3: \$597,670.20
- Water 4: \$24,225.32

Township Code Authority:

- Total Permits for the month: 15

Park/Park Committee:

- Closed for winter.

Cemetery:

- Damaged trees need to be trimmed and removed. Mike Atton has estimate from Kindy. Clerk with work with Trustee Hitchcock to get additional quotes.

Hall:

- No report

Assessor:

- Michel Brendan, 3758 E. Acorn Lane, appeal is still pending a court date.
- We have 1 pending STC (State Tax Commission) taxable value appeal for 4251 Monroe Road. This hearing will be in Lansing and should be scheduled soon. The person who used to take care of 154 petitions has taken a new job, so the State is planning on hiring soon for that department.
- Assessment Change Notices for the 2024 taxes will be mailed the end of February by KCI Printing.
- December deeds have been entered in the computer.
- March Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11:00 am for the organizational meeting. The Public Hearing schedule is Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Planning Commission:

- Home Occupation and Fence Ordinance will be brought to Board for introduction in March.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- January 17th appeal was approved.

Zoning Enforcement:

- No report.

Roads:

- No report.

Supervisor:

- No report.

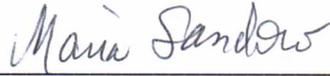
Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Benter-Rich, Clerk



Maria Sandow, Supervisor