

Larkin Charter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
3027 N Jefferson Rd, Midland  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Absent: None

Guests: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of agenda with correction.

Motion to accept agenda with correction by Draves, support from Hitchcock.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Guests

Joe Sova (Midland County Drain Commissioner), Nick Czerwinski (Spicer Group), Dave Vallier (Spicer Group), and Stacy Hissong (Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes Law Firm).

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment

None.

Action Items:

- *Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance.*

This ordinance was introduced at the February Board Meeting and was approved at the March Meeting. Due to the Ordinance not being published after the introduction, we need to reapprove it at tonight's meeting.

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Draves to renew the Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance that expires on July 23, 2023.

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

Nays: *None*  
Absent: *None*

- *Offer on Township Property for Sale/Renew Listing.*

Motion by Draves, support by Deitsch to accept the offer to purchase Parcel B township property with stipulations indicated by Shannon Killinger, Realtor.

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

Motion by Draves, support by Deitsch extend listing for Parcel A township property with Shannon Killinger , Ayre Rhinehart for another 6 months.

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

- *Park Improvements.*

As requested by the Board at the March meeting, the Clerk obtained quotes for having old mulch and weed block removed from the two playgrounds and having new mulch applied.

Motion by Owens, support by Hitchcock to contract with E & M Property Maintenance to remove old mulch and weed block and install new mulch. Mulch will be purchased from Salzburg Landscaping. Cost will be \$10,300.

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

- *Lawn Care.*

Fertilizer and weed treatment for Park and Office lawns.

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Owens to contract with Reder Landscaping for lawn care for Summer 2023.

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

- *Drainage Discussion*

Joe Sova, Drain Commissioner, along with representatives from Spicer Group (Nick Czerwinski and Dave Vallier) and Stacy Hissong (Drain Commission Attorney from Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes Law Firm), presented information regarding potential drains for Woodland Estates and Johns Lane (in the Chapter 3/4 process right now). They also provided a brief update on Chapter 8 drains (maintenance and improvements). Constituents had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the drains.

## Consent Agenda

Motion by Deitsch, support from Owens to approve April Payroll and March/April invoices, as well as March 14, 2023 Board Meeting minutes with change and March 31, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes.

Yeas: *All*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

## Department Reports:

### Fire Department:

- No report

### Clerk:

- Hall painting scope has changed due to beams being exposed. Additional charge will be \$2,900.

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Moe to approve additional charge of \$2,900 for hall painting.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- Election Commission met prior to Board Meeting to approve Election Inspectors for the May 2, 2023 election.

### Treasurer:

- No report

### Township Code Authority:

- Building Permits: 4 (one new house)
- Plumbing Permits: 3
- Mechanical Permits: 14
- Electrical Permits: 14

- New rates in effect April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Park/Park Committee:**

- Park is open for the season.
- Portajohns and water are installed and turned on.

**Cemetery:**

- Sexton Atton is researching columbariums. Supervisor spoke to Lee Township about their columbarium. Positive reviews so far.

**Hall:**

- Improvements in progress.

**Assessor:**

- 2023 March Board of Review meetings have been completed. There were 34 Petitions (attached).
- There are no pending Michigan Tax Tribunal appeals. Any new 2023 appeals need to be turned into the MTT by July 31, 2023. Commercial appeals need to be turned in by May 31, 2023.
- The 2023 Assessment Roll is complete. Assessor has exported the State reports and Equalization reports, which include the L-4022s, L-4023, L-4021, L-4037.
- Assessor has one pending STC state tax commission taxable value appeal for 4251 Monroe Road for 2022.

**Planning Commission:**

- Home Occupation Ordinance has been drafted. Township Board to review and discuss in May.
- Received bid from Wade Trim for Master Plan. Asking for Board approval to contract with them.

**Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Moe to authorize Planning Commission to contract with Wade Trim for Master Plan, cost not to exceed \$20,000.**

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

- No report.

**Zoning Enforcement:**

- Working on complaints regarding poultry, dog barking, and blight.

- One blight issue taken to court, judge gave resident 30 days to clean up.

Roads:

- Letts Road Extension Traffic Study was submitted for bids. Rowe Engineering was selected.

Supervisor:

- No report.

Public Comment:

6:00 pm start was better than 7:00 pm. Board discussed and decided to change meeting start times, effective May, 2023.

Motion by Draves, support by Benter-Rich to change meeting start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..


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


Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Lisa Benter-Rich, Clerk

  
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Maria Sandow, Supervisor

**Board of Review Action Report**

Required by State Tax Commission Bulletin 17 of 2007

**March Session**

State Tax Commission Bulletin 17 of 2007 states that the STC is requiring that all Boards of Review maintain appropriate documentation of their decisions including minutes, a copy of the form 4035 and the 4035a whenever the Board of Review makes a change that causes the Taxable Value to change, and a Board of Review Action Report

The Board of Review Action Report is a report summarizing the actions of the Board of Review. It must include a total assessed and taxable value changed, assessed and taxable value change by classification, total poverty exemption appeals made and number approved, and total number of classification appeals made and number of classification changes made.

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LARKIN TOWNSHIP

03/28/2023

**2023 Board of Review Action Report**

Code	Classification	No. of Appeals	No. Granted	Total Assessed Value Change	Total Taxable Value Change
<b>Real Property</b>					
100	Agricultural	2	1	\$-70,900	\$-74,550
200	Commercial	2	1	\$-2,800	\$-2,800
300	Industrial	1	0	\$0	\$0
400	Residential	29	18	\$-1,273,440	\$-1,070,018
500	Timber-Cutover	0	0	\$0	\$0
600	Developmental	0	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Personal Property</b>					
150	Agricultural	0	0	\$0	\$0
250	Commercial	0	0	\$0	\$0
350	Industrial	0	0	\$0	\$0
450	Residential	0	0	\$0	\$0
550	Utility	0	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$-1,347,140</b>	<b>\$-1,147,368</b>

No. of Poverty/Vet Exemptions Applied For	No. of Poverty/Vet Exemptions Granted
9	9

Local unit retains original. File report and minutes with local unit clerk (MCL 211.33)  
Copy sent to County Equalization Department by May 1