

Larkin Charter Township
Regular Board Meeting
3027 N Jefferson Rd, Midland
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Absent: *None*

Guests: *Kay Rinas & Gary Hardy*

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Motion by Draves, support by Owens, to accept the agenda with additions – Correct Water Moratorium Update to Water Moratorium Extension, add Purchase Offer for Township Property and Cemetery Tree Trimming.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Correspondence

Drain Commission Notice of Day of Review

Seventh Day Adventist door-to-door ministry letter of introduction

MiChEM thank you email for helping to plan and execute their visit to Midland

Public Comment

One Public Comment

Guests

The Board recognized the retirements of long-time volunteer fire fighters Kay Rinas and Gary Hardy. Refreshments were served to all guests attending the meeting.

Action Items:

- *Columbarium Pricing.*

The Columbarium is installed at the cemetery. The Board needs to set pricing for usage. Tabled again so Clerk can get additional information regarding opening/closing of niches, size requirements for urns, etc.

- *Water Moratorium Update and Extension.*

There were two taps issued since the February Board Meeting.

The current Water Moratorium expires at the end of March. The Board will consider extending this Moratorium for another 6 months, now expiring September 30, 2024.

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Draves to extend Water Moratorium an additional six months.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Home Occupation Ordinance Introduction and Fencing Ordinance Introduction.*

The Home Occupation Ordinance was discussed at length by the Board. It has been tabled until next month for further discussion and consideration.

The Fencing Ordinance addressed previous questions from the Board regarding a “Fence Watcher” and some language issues.

Motion by Draves, support by Owens to introduce the Fencing Ordinance.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *MABAS Membership.*

A representative from MABAS presented at the February Board meeting and provided a sample contract/agreement. The Board was asked to make a decision about joining MABAS at this meeting.

Motion by Draves, support by Deitsch to enter into an agreement with Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MABAS).

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

Nays: *Hitchcock*

Absent: *None*

- *Purchase Agreement for Schukofski Property (DNR Grant Property).*

The Purchase Agreement for the Schukofski property is ready to be executed. Supervisor Sandow will be signing for the Township.

Motion by Draves, support by Moe to appoint Supervisor Sandow as legal agent for the Township in order to sign the purchase agreement for the Schukofski property.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Sale of Township Property.*

The Board received an offer for the sale of the two remaining lots on Jefferson Road.

Motion by Draves, support by Moe to accept this offer with an adjustment to not pay for any additional surveys.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Tree Trimming at Cemetery.*

As discussed at the February Board Meeting, many trees at the cemetery were damaged over the winter. Two bids were received for this tree work – Concord Tree Service and Kindy Tree Service.

Motion by Draves, support by Deitsch to contract with Concord Tree Service for cemetery tree work.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Consent Agenda

Approval of February Primary Election & Regular March 2024 Payroll, February/March 2024 Invoices, and January 9th 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Yeas: *All*

Nays: *None*

Department Reports:

Fire Department:

- Emergency Call Summary:
 - 15 Medical
 - 2 Electrical/Wire Hazards

- 2 Vehicle Accidents
- 1 Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- 2 Brush Fires
- 3 Fire Alarms
- New engine update – currently in finishing stages. Final inspection visit scheduled for April.
- Retirement of Kay Rinas (effective February 24, 2024) and Gary Hardy (effective February 20, 2024). Kay has been with the department over 40 years, Gary over 29. They will be missed but we wish them both the best in their retirements.

Clerk:

- February Presidential Preference Primary was February 27th and went well. Early voting was held from February 17th to February 25th and went very smoothly, with over 900 registered voters voting in the Early Vote Site.
- Wrapped up year-end and ready to begin audit.

Treasurer:

- General Fund: \$4,220,288.48
- Sanitation: \$326,257.69
- Water 1: \$512,069.91
- Water 3: \$613,262.01
- Water 4: \$18,457.27

Township Code Authority:

- Building Permits: 4
- Mechanical: 8
- Electrical: 7
- Plumbing: 3

Park/Park Committee:

- Trustee Owens expressed interest in installing a bulk fuel tank at the park to avoid park employees from carrying 5 gallon gas cans in their personal vehicles. Will be less expensive long-term. Clerk has spoken with Ken Lind regarding insurance requirements. We will need Pollution Insurance, which will cost approximately \$1,000 per year. In addition, tank will need to be installed on a cement pad that has a curb approximately 12 inches tall to hold the volume of the tank in the event of leakage. Trustee Owens and Clerk will obtain bids for the pad installation and move forward with the project.
- Nick Kroll, Northeast Little League representative, has informed the Clerk that the baseball tournament will not be held at Larkin Park this summer, as they have moved it to Plymouth Park. According to Kroll, Plymouth Park has more seating for attendees, better wi-fi, and the city does not charge for water usage (the Township asks the Little League to reimburse the cost of running the sprinklers on the two Little League fields).

Cemetery:

- No additional updates (see columbarium and tree trimming action items above).

Hall:

- Many rentals these past few weeks.
- Kingdom Quality Hood Cleaning performed annual maintenance on the kitchen exhaust system and noted that the fan needs a new belt. They indicated that this is an easy replacement that our maintenance staff can take care of.

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.
- January deeds have been entered in the computer, working on February deeds now.
- 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.
- Assessor is preparing for the Board of Review, taking many phone calls and a record number of e-mails this year.

Planning Commission:

- Pond Ordinance being worked on.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- No report.

Zoning Enforcement:

- No report.

Roads:

- Eastman Road is scheduled for work this summer.

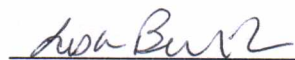
Supervisor:

- No report.

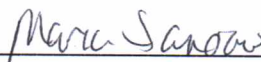
Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Benter-Rich, Clerk



Maria Sandow, Supervisor *by LR*