

MINUTES OF LASALLE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Item 1. Clerk Morr called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance
A MOTION was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to elect Clerk Morr as Meeting Chair Person. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.

Item 2. Roll Call: Board members present were Trustee Willis, Trustee Anteau, Treasurer Durocher, and Clerk Morr. Absent Supervisor Goldsmith.

Item 3. Budget Transfers/ Amendments: None

Item 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the consent agenda:
- b. Approval of Minutes:
 1. Regular Board Meeting of April 19, 2021.
- c. Approval of the bill list, payroll, checks 14559 to 14623, totaling \$49,161.76.
- d. Approval of Fire Department bill list, 1725-1741, totaling \$6,841.04.
- e. Approval of Sewer O&M bill list, checks 1537, totaling \$6,356.11.
- f. Approval of Grandview/N. Lakeshore Debt Fund bill list, checks 1107, totaling \$26,190.00.
- g. Correspondence:
 1. DTE Electric Company Case NO. U-20528.
 2. Michigan Gas Utilities Company Case NO. U-20872.
 3. Consumer Energy Company Case NO. U-20526.
 4. Consumer Energy Company Case NO. U-20984.
 5. DTE Electric Company.
 6. Charter Communications.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis, to approve the consent agenda, approval of minutes as presented by Clerk Morr, approval of bill list, payroll (checks 14559 to 14623, totaling \$49,161.76) Fire Department bill list (checks 1725-1741, totaling \$6,841.04), Sewer O&M bill list, (1537, totaling \$6,356.11), Grandview/N. Lakeshore Debt Fund bill list (checks 1107, totaling \$26,190.00). **The MOTION** carried 4-0.

Item 5. Unfinished Business:

Item 6. Reports:

- a. Building Department: Mr. LaPointe reported 25 permit issued in April 2021 totaling \$2,404.00 collected in permit fees as presented.
- b. Fire Chief: As presented by Chief Howe, 26 calls for April 2021. The report included 15 medical calls, 4 P.I.A, 2 downed wires, 1 fire alarm, 1 garbage fire, and 1 lift assist, Mutual Aid Assist 3 Monroe Township, had an average response time of 6.1 minutes, with an average of 6 firefighters per call. Chief Howe stated that Rescue 2 is now in service as of April 20, 2021.
- c. Attorney: Attorney Bondy's report presented by Clerk Morr. General Matters, Building Matters.
- d. Blight Inspector: As presented by Mike White. Clerk Morr presented Mike White with an appreciation award for his service to the township.
A MOTION was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve the monthly reports as presented from the Building Department, Fire Department, Attorney and Blight Inspector. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.

Item 7. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Durocher presented the monthly activity report for April 2021. Treasurer Durocher stated taxes have been dispersed and there are some delinquent taxes still to be paid. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve the Treasurer's report of April 2021 as presented. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.

Item 8. Commission or Board Reports:

- a. Planning Commission: Meeting April 19, 2021.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals: Meeting April 27, 2021.
 1. **Gene and Betty Smith of 12983 S. Telegraph Rd, LaSalle, MI 48145**, parcel # 5809-165-012-00 is requesting a 4 ½ foot setback from lot line, from LaSalle Township Ordinance #55, Article XVIII Schedule of Regulations Non-Conforming Use, and Single Family in a C2 District. **Approved.**
A MOTION was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve Board reports as presented. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.

Item 9. New Business:

- a. Approval to replace toilets and urinal in the hall men's restroom. Clerk Morr stated that the women's restroom toilets had to be replaced due to them spraying water when being flushed. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to have the toilet and urinal replaced in the men's restroom in the hall. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.
- b. Approval to hire a new Blight Inspector. LaSalle Township received 2 applicants. Supervisor Goldsmith and Trustee Willis interviewed both applicants, they were both good applicants. Under recommendation from Supervisor Goldsmith and Trustee Willis it's recommended to hire Jack Nida as Blight Inspector at \$14.50 an hour on a 90 day probation period. **The MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis supported by Trustee Anteau to approve to hire Jack Nida as Blight Inspector at \$14.50 an hour and 90 day probation period. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Durocher-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.
- c. Approval to hire Bill Taratsas from First Merchant Retirement Plan to take over as financial advisor, due to Morgan Stanley no longer is the financial advisor of the LaSalle Township pension plan. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to table until the board gets more information. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.
- d. Discuss Deputy Treasurer's pay. Treasurer Durocher stated that Gayle Lambert had quit and need to hire a new deputy and she would like to give the new Deputy Treasurer \$14.50 an hour. The Board discussed having a set amount for hiring new employees. Trustee Willis stated that the township cannot keep changing the start pay eve time we hire a new deputy. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve the pay for Deputy Treasurer at \$14.50 an hour. **Roll Call Vote:** Clerk Morr-no, Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes and Treasurer Durocher-yes. **The MOTION** carried 3-1. **A MOTION** was by Trustee Willis, supported by Trustee Anteau to have a 90 day probation period for the new Deputy Treasurer. **The MOTION** carried 4-0. Trustee Willis suggested to have a meeting to discuss the starting wages for new employees.

Item 10. Supervisor's Report:

- a. South County Water Board: May 20, 2021.

Item 11. Other Board Members: Trustee Anteau asked if the Goins Lawsuit bills could be separated out from the rest of the Attorney bills. Clerk Morr stated that the May 4, 2021 election has been finalized as of May 7, 2021 and LaSalle had no errors.

Item 12. Open to the Public: Public comment began at 8:06 pm. There were 5 comments received. Ended at 7:37 p.m.

Item 13. Date of the Next Regular Board Meeting: June 21, 2021 (Monday).

Item 14. Adjournment: **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.

LaDeana Morr, Clerk