

MINUTES OF LASALLE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Item 1. Supervisor Goldsmith called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Item 3. Presentation by Dave Thompson Monroe County Drain Commissioner regarding the Water Lateral Fund.

Item 4. Budget Transfers/ Amendments: Budget Transfer to 101-701-703-0 in the amount of \$2,100.00 (Meeting & Consultation Fees) from 101-941-955-0(Misc.). **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve the budget transfers as presented by Clerk Morr. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Durocher-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 5. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the consent agenda:
- b. Approval of Minutes:
 1. Regular Board Meeting of July 19, 2021.
- c. Approval of the bill list, payroll, checks 14747 to 14805, totaling \$339,693.53. Clerk Morr stated that the reason for the large amount paid out of general fund is due to the transfer from PNC to First Merchants Bank to open new account.
- d. Approval of Fire Department bill list, 1759-1768, totaling \$7,972.61.
- e. Correspondence:
 1. Michigan Gas Utilities Case NO. U-20882.
 2. DTE Electric Company Case NO. U-20876.
 3. Charter Communications.
 4. Michigan Bell.
 5. Consumer Energy.
 6. MCDC
 7. Lincoln Financial Group.
 8. Michigan Gas Utilities Case NO. U-20546.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr, to approve the consent agenda as presented, approval of minutes as presented by Supervisor Goldsmith, approval of bill list, payroll (checks 14747 to 14805, totaling \$339,693.53.) Fire Department bill list (checks 1759-1768, totaling \$7,972.61). **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Approval of 2020-2021 Audit approved at July 2021 board meeting but needs Roll Call Vote. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to accept the 2020-2021 Audit by Roll Call Vote. **Roll Call Vote:** Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Clerk Morr-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Treasurer Durocher-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- b. Approval of recommendation from Salary Compensation Board. Approved at July 2021 board meeting but needs Roll Call Vote. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Anteau to approve the recommendations from the Salary Compensation Board by Roll Call Vote. **Roll Call Vote:** Clerk Morr-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes, Trustee Willis-yes and Trustee Anteau-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 7. Reports:

- a. Building Department: Mr. LaPointe reported 18 permit issued in July 2021 totaling \$14,066.00 collected in permit fees as presented.
- b. Fire Chief: As presented by Chief Howe, 51 calls for July 2021. The report included 22 medical calls, 6 P.I.A, 1 downed wire, 1 illegal burn, 2 water rescues, 1 smoke evacuation and 1 lift assist, Mutual Aid Assist 3 Monroe Township, 1 Luna pier, 1 Frenchtown and 1 City of Monroe, had an average response time of 6.1 minutes, with an average of 6 firefighters per call. Chief Howe stated that all the Fire Fighters that were on the scene of the accident on August 12 did an outstanding job. Chief Howe stated that Fire Fighters Lammi and Dushane will be attending Fire Fighter 1 & 2 in October and Fire Fighters Shipman and Vandercook will be attending MFR in November. Chief Howe asked Treasurer Durocher if the Burn Guidelines could be sent out with the next tax bills in December.
- c. Attorney: Attorney Bondy's report presented by Supervisor Goldsmith. General Matters, Building Matters.
- d. Blight Inspector: As presented by Jack Nida.

A MOTION was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve the monthly reports as presented from the Building Department, Fire Department, Attorney and Blight Inspector. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 8. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Durocher presented the monthly activity report for July 2021. Treasurer Durocher stated that State Revenue Share was received in the amount of \$76,500.00 and franchise fees from Michigan Bell in the amount of \$939.00. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve the Treasurer's report of July 2021 as presented. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 9. Commission or Board Reports:

- a. Planning Commission: Next meeting August 19, 2021.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals:

Item 10. New Business:

- a. Approval to open a separate bank account for the CARES ACT money at First Merchant Bank. Angie Bomia from First Merchants Bank contacted Clerk Morr and stated that the bank account for the CARES Act would earn 0.10% interest. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to open a separate bank account for the CARES Act money at First Merchant Bank. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- b. Approval to seal office complex fire department and cemetery driveway. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve to send out bids to have the office complex and fire department parking lots and cemetery driveway sealed. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- c. Approval to hire Nick Sulfaro at \$14.00 an hour to mow Office Complex and Fire Department lawns. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr to approve to have Kim Headrick mow, approval to hire Nick Sulfaro at \$14.00 an hour to mow the Office Complex and The Fire Department if Kim Headrick does not want the job. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- d. Approve to send out bids for mini split (AC Unit) for township hall. Trustee Willis asked the board to give the approval to send out bids for a back-up generator at the same time. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported Trustee Willis to approve to send out bids for mini-split(AC Unit) for township hall and back-up generator for office complex. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 11. Supervisor's Report:

- a. South County Water Board: August 19, 2021.

Item 12. Other Board Members: Clerk Morr stated Mike Cho will be at the Township September 15, 2021 starting at 1:00 pm to discuss pension plan one on one with employees. Clerk Morr also stated that the clerk's office will start the November Election at the end of August for Ida School district Trustee Willis stated that there was a runaway pig in the township but has been taken care. Clerk Morr stated that she called non-emergency 911 number to help find the owners of pig.

Item 13. Open to the Public: Public comment began at 7:54 pm. There were 2 comments received. Ended at 8:03 p.m. Sheriff Goodnough gave stats of incidents in LaSalle Township for time period of Jan 2021- June 2021 and compared it to the same time frame in 2020.

Item 14. Date of the Next Regular Board Meeting: September 20, 2021 (Monday).

Item 15. Adjournment: **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

LaDeana Morr, Clerk