

MINUTES OF LASALLE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 22, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Item 1. Supervisor Goldsmith called the meeting to order @ 7:02 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 Budget Transfers/Amendments: Add Acct# 101-000-040-0(Consultation Fee), Budget Transfer to 101-253-703-0(Clerical Salary) in the amount of \$89.13 from 101-253-752-0(Office Supplies & Postage), Budget Transfer to 101-336-703-1(Fire Chief Salary) in the amount of \$2,200.00 from 101-941-955-0(Misc.) Clerk Morr stated that this transfer may not have to happen due to budget amendment by auditors, Budget Transfer to 101-336-752-0(Office Supplies) in the amount of \$725.13 from 101-336-861-0(Travel Mileage & Conferences, Budget Transfer to 101-556-703-0(Water Board Meeting Fees) in the amount of \$27.52 from 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Transfer to 101-567-930-1(Burials) in the amount of \$1,650.00 from account 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Amendment to 101-966-999-0(Transfer Out) in the amount of \$19,156.90, Budget Amendment to 702-000-956-0(Other Revenue) in the amount of \$20.00, Budget Amendment to 702-536-955-0(Misc.) in the amount of \$20.00. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve budget transfers/ budget amendments 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 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the consent agenda:
- b. Approval of Minutes:
 1. Regular Board Meeting of January 18, 2022.
- c. Approval of the bill list, payroll, checks 15354-15414, totaling \$69,046.39.
- d. Approval of Fire Department bill list, checks 1816-1826, totaling \$4,447.28.
- e. Approval of Sewer O&M bill list, checks 1554-1555, totaling \$10,162.71.
- f. Approval of Road SAD bill list, checks 1312, totaling \$650.00.
- g. Correspondence:
 1. DTE Electric Company Case NO. U-20836.
 2. Michigan Gas Utilities Corp Case NO. U-21066.

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 15354-15414, totaling \$69,046.39) Fire Department bill list (checks 1816-1826, totaling \$4,447.28), Sewer O&M bill list (checks 1554-1555, totaling \$10,162.71), Road SAD bill list (checks 1312, totaling \$650.00). **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 5. Unfinished Business: None.

Item 6. Reports:

- a. Building Department: Mr. LaPointe reported 9 permits issued in January 2022 totaling \$1,219.00 collected in permit fees as presented.
- b. Fire Chief: As presented by Chief Howe, 29 calls for January 2022. The report included 22 medical calls, 3 P.I.A, 1 motorhome fire. Mutual Aid Assist 5 to Monroe Township, had an average response time of 6.3 minutes, with an average of 6 firefighters per call. Chief Howe stated that it is time to start replacing bunker gear and asked if he could order 8 new sets of gear. Chief Howe stated that 3 sets of bunker gear would be paid for out of the cost recovery due to the bunker gear getting damaged during the Toledo Beach Marina Fire. The cost would be \$2,709.00 per set total for 8 sets \$21,679.60 with 3 of the sets being paid out of cost recovery at a cost of \$7,296.00. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Trustee Anteau to approve to have Chief Howe order the 8 sets of bunker gear. **Roll Call Vote:** Clerk Morr-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes and Treasurer Durocher-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0. Chief Howe Stated that the fire department would like to purchase 2 new AED's due to the ones that are in use now are 18 years old and not compatible with MCA's AED's, Chief Howe does not have a cost yet to ask for approval. Chief Howe stated that the fire department is working on a 5-year plan which consists of selling the Rescue 5. There is a company out of Texas that is willing to help sell the Rescue 5 at a 10% charge and the value of the Rescue 5 would be between \$45,000.00- \$61,500.00 and put the monies received from the sale towards a new truck.
- c. Attorney: Attorney Bondy's report presented by Supervisor Goldsmith. General Matters, Fire Department, Planning & Building Matters.

Supervisor Goldsmith stated that \$306.00 of the attorney bill in January was for a FOIA from Josh Wolfenbarger and next month's bill is expected to be around \$1,000.00 for the FOIA. Supervisor Goldsmith stated that the FOIA was started because of fallen trees in the township cemetery. The township insurance agent explained to Clerk Morr that there was no need to do the bid process because it was going to be an insurance claim and the township could have whoever they choose to take care of the fallen tree. Supervisor Goldsmith stated he talk to Erie Tree Service and Wright's Excavating about the tree removal. Erie Tree Service gave a quote of \$5,500.00 and Wright's Excavating gave a quote of \$2,800.00. Supervisor Goldsmith stated that he asked for approval to pay Wright's Excavating \$2,800.00 for removal of tree in the cemetery from general fund and not to turn in an insurance claim to keep insurance rates down at the December 20, 2021 board meeting. Supervisor Goldsmith stated that they were in contact with the township attorney through the whole process of the fallen tree and have done nothing wrong. Supervisor stated that in the FOIA Mr. Wolfenbarger accused the LaSalle Township Board of giving Wright's Excavating business while undercutting other businesses. The latest FOIA from Mr. Wolfenbarger is requesting all emails even deleted ones from the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and deputy clerk from December 10, 2021- December 24, 2021.

Clerk Morr asked the Board to appoint another person as FOIA Coordinator for this FOIA. Supervisor Goldsmith suggested to hire Jack Nida as the FOIA Coordinator for this FOIA. Treasurer Durocher stated that the Deputy Treasurer could help with the FOIA. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Wills, supported by Trustee Anteau to hire Jack Nida as FOIA Coordinator at \$15.25 an hour. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

d. Blight Inspector: As presented by Jack Nida.

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

Item 7. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Durocher presented the monthly activity report for December 2021 and January 2022. Treasurer Durocher stated \$87,483.00 was received from the state and that 2021 tax season has ended. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Willis to approve the Treasurer's reports for December 2021 and January 2022. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 8. Commission or Board Reports:

a. Planning Commission: February 17, 2022. **Cancelled.** Next Meeting February 28, 2022.

b. Zoning Board of Appeals: None.

A MOTION was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve board reports as presented. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 9. New Business:

a. Approval to raise the Hall rental custodian pay for Jack Richter from \$25.00 a weekend to \$30.00 weekend in lieu of getting pension. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve to raise the Hall rental custodian pay for Jack Richter from \$25.00 a weekend to \$30.00 weekend in lieu of getting pension. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Durocher-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

b. Approval to have floor in hall, and all 4-bathroom floors stripped and waxed in the amount of \$550.00, fire department strip and wax floors in the amount of \$450.00 and carpet cleaned in office in the amount of \$225.00. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to have floor in hall and all 4-bathroom floors stripped and waxed in the amount of \$550.00, fire department floors stripped and waxed in the amount of \$450.00 and carpet cleaned in office in the amount of \$225.00.

Roll Call Vote: Clerk Morr-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes and Supervisor Goldsmith-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

c. Approval of contribution to Monroe Center for Healthy Aging in the amount of \$600.00. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve a contribution to Monroe Center for Healthy Aging in the amount of \$600.00. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Durocher-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Willis-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

d. Approval of Budget Workshop Date March 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

e. Approval of Budget Hearing Date March 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

f. Approval to pay Superfleet MasterCard by phone until cards are cancelled. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to pay Superfleet MasterCard by phone until cards are cancelled. **Roll Call Vote:** Clerk Morr-yes,

Trustee Willis-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Supervisor Goldsmith-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

- g.** Approval to have another Visa Card added to Chief Howes account for purchase of Fuel only from First Merchants Bank. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to have another Visa Card added to Chief Howes account for purchase of Fuel only from First Merchants Bank. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Durocher-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Clerk Morr-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Trustee Willis-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 10. Supervisor's Report:

- a.** South County Water Board: February 17, 2022.
- b.** AMAR.
- c.** Bid process for Fire Department.

Item 11. Other Board Members: Clerk Morr explained that the Post Office will not put mail in the townships P.O. Box unless it has the P.O. Box number on it. Clerk Morr informed the board that the State has mandated that the clerk's department send out new ID cards to all of the registered voters. Clerk Morr informed the board that the letter in regards to changing LaSalle Township from General Law to a Charter Township was finally received.

Trustee Willis stated that T.C. Clements talked with MDOT about Gaynier Rd during the I-75 construction.

Item 12. Open to the Public: Public comment began at 8:13 pm. There were 5 comments received. Ended at 8:30 p.m.

Item 13. Date of the Next Regular Board Meeting: March 21, 2022 (Monday).

Item 14. Adjournment: **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

LaDeana Morr, Clerk