

MINUTES OF LASALLE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2022
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. Also, in attendance Attorney Bondy.

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 March 21, 2022.
 2. Budget Workshop of March 22, 2022.
 3. Budget Hearing of March 29, 2022.
- c. Approval of the bill list, payroll, checks 15471-15514, totaling \$41,224.92.
- d. Approval of Fire Department bill list, checks 1842-1851, totaling \$9,339.73.
- e. Approval of Sewer O&M bill list, checks 1557-1560, totaling \$41,369.49.
- f. Approval of Grandview Beach Debt Fund bill list, check 1109, totaling \$26,873.75.
- g. Correspondence:
 1. Charter Communications.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Anteau, 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 15471-15514, totaling \$41,224.92) Fire Department bill list (checks 1842-1851, totaling \$9,339.73), Sewer O&M bill list (checks 1557-1560, totaling \$41,369.49), Grandview Beach Debt Fund bill list (check 1109, totaling \$26,873.75). **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 5. Unfinished Business: Discussion on Nevel Property. Supervisor Goldsmith stated that he checked on the progress for the Nevel property and there were still trailers, full garbage cans and an abandoned vehicle. Supervisor Goldsmith presented a quote that was submitted by Jack's Lawn Service in the amount of \$2,850.00. Attorney Bondy explained the judgments against Bonnie and Scott Nevel. Clerk Morr asked how long would it take to get the property in question cleaned up. Mr. Sturn from Jack's Lawn Service stated it would take a day and a half. Trustee Willis asked if the clean-up would be covered under the company's liability insurance. Attorney Bondy stated that the clean-up would be covered under the company's liability insurance. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported Clerk Morr to approve for Jack's Lawn Service to clean up the Nevel property and remove the trailers and abandoned car. **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 6. Reports:

- a. Building Department: Mr. LaPointe reported 23 permits issued in March 2022 totaling \$3,355.00 collected in permit fees as presented.
- b. Fire Chief: As presented by Chief Howe, 36 calls for March 2022. The report included 16 medical calls, 3 P.I.A, 1 lift assist, 3 downed wires, 2 structure fires, 1 illegal burn, 2 CO alarms, 2 grass fires, 1 fire alarm, 1 odor investigation and 1 fuel spill, had an average response time of 5.7 minutes, with an average of 6 firefighters per call. Chief Howe gave an updated roster and asked for the Township Board's approval to hire the fire fighters Randy Howe, David Brown, Jack Richter, Jordon Clark, Tim DeSloover, Andrew Kohler, Garret Moore, Scott Bowman, Mike Dushane, John Lammi, Don Vandercook, Eldon Looker, Bryan Shipman and to hire Supervisor Goldsmith and Clerk Morr with extra duties as fire fighters. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to hire the fire fighters has presented. **The MOTION** carried 5-0. Clerk Morr stated that Chief Howe did a fantastic job on the Lake Shore fire and Clerk Morr thanked Chief Howe for all his work he does for the township.
- c. Attorney: Attorney Bondy's report presented by Supervisor Goldsmith. General Matters, Fire Department, Planning & Building Matters.
- d. Blight Inspector: As presented by Supervisor Goldsmith.

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 7. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Durocher presented the monthly activity reports for January, February and March 2022. Treasurer Durocher stated that tax monies in the amount of \$133,000.00 was received for winter 2021, Admin fees in the amount of \$ 47,000.00 received for winter 2021, Taxes received in the amount of \$136,000.00 for fire millage for winter 2021 and \$87,000.00 in state revenue shares was received. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Trustee Anteau to approve the Treasurer's report of January, February and March 2022 as presented. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 8. Commission or Board Reports:

- a. Planning Commission: April 21, 2022.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals: None.

Item 9. New Business:

- a. Approval of wage increase and wage and salary schedule for 2022-2023 beginning April 18, 2022. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau supported by Trustee Willis to approve wage increase and wage and salary schedule for 2022-2023 beginning April 18, 2022. **Roll Call Vote:** Supervisor Goldsmith-yes Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0. Clerk Morr stated that all employees got a \$.25 raise and Chief Howe got a 3% raise.
- b. Approval to apply for a community card from First Merchants Bank to replace current credit cards associated with Supervisor Goldsmith, Clerk Morr, Treasurer Durocher and Chief Howe's social security numbers. Clerk Morr explained the difference between a community card and the credit card with the township has at present. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to apply for a community card with First Merchants Bank. **Roll Call Vote:** Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Treasurer Durocher and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- c. Approval of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve to May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- d. Discussion on Financial Advisor for North Shores Sewer O&M. Supervisor Goldsmith explained the charges that the township should be charging. Supervisor Goldsmith asked the Township Board for permission to have a special meeting with a financial advisor for North Shores Sewer O&M at a cost of \$175.00 an hour that will be paid out of the Sewer O&M account. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve to have a special meeting with a financial advisor for North Shores Sewer O&M at a cost of \$175.00 an hour paid out of Sewer O&M account. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- e. Approval to enter sign 2-year contract with Stevens Disposal in the amount of \$149.50 a month. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr to approve to enter in to a 2-year contract with Stevens Disposal in the amount of \$149.50 a month. **Roll Call Vote:** Clerk Morr-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Treasurer Durocher-yes and Trustee Willis-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- f. Approval to have a dumpster brought to cemetery for the spring and fall clean-up. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve to have a 15-yard dumpster brought to cemetery for spring and fall clean-up in the of \$270.00 per clean-up. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Durocher-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- g. Approval to buy back graves Lot 30, 6, 7 and 8 for \$150.00 each from Laura Medford, Marie Tuckers only living relative. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis Approval to buy back Lot 30, graves 6,7 and 8 for \$150.00 each from Laura Medford, Marie Tuckers only living relative. **Roll Call Vote:** Clerk Morr-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Treasurer Durocher-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- h. Approval of Resolution Tentatively Declaring Intent to Create Fire Special Assessment District. Supervisor Goldsmith and Chief Howe started working on a proposal for paid on call. The proposal was presented by Chief Howe. Some questions asked were, how much would the assessment be, who will be assessed and how long will the assessment last. The amount for the assessment will be \$25.00 a parcel annually and will be reassessed each year. **A MOTION** was made by Treasurer Durocher, supported by Clerk Morr to approve Resolution 2022-03 Resolution Tentatively Declaring Intent To Create Fire Special Assessment. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Durocher-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 10. Supervisor's Report:

- a. South County Water Board: March 17, 2022.

Item 11. Other Board Members: Trustee Anteau asked to reimburse Trustee Willis for his mileage when pertaining to township matters. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Durocher to approve to reimburse Trustee Willis for mileage pertaining to township matters. **Roll Call Vote:** Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Clerk Morr-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis- abstained and Treasurer Durocher-yes. **The MOTION** carried 4-0.

Trustee Willis asked about the seal coating for the township parking lot and cemetery drive. Trustee Willis gave an updated on the ARPA reporting. Clerk Morr stated that MTA put out a list of approved accounting firms to do the ARPA reporting.

Item 12. Open to the Public: Public comment began at 8:09 pm. There were 3 comments received. Ended at 8:21 p.m.

Item 13. Date of the Next Regular Board Meeting: May 16, 2022 (Monday).

Item 14. Adjournment: **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

LaDeana Morr, Clerk

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