

MINUTES OF LASALLE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 19, 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 Rauch, Supervisor Goldsmith and Clerk Morr.

Item 3 Budget Transfers/Amendments: : Transfer to 101-215-900-(Legal Notices) in the amount of \$342.24 from account 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Transfer to 101-262-752-0(Election Supplies) in the amount of \$190.37 from 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Transfer to 101-701-703-0(Meeting & Consultant Fees) in the amount of \$728.00 from 101-941-955-0(Misc.). **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve Budget Transfers as presented by Clerk Morr. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Willis-yes ,Supervisor Trustee Anteau-yes, Goldsmith-yes, Treasurer Rauch-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 November 21, 2022.
- c. Approval of the bill list, payroll, checks 15933-15985, totaling \$88,134.57.
- d. Approval of Fire Department bill list, checks 1907-1912, totaling \$1,854.59.
- e. Approval of Sewer O & M bill list, checks 1571-1572, totaling \$8,263.59.
- f. Correspondence:
 1. Charter Communications.

A MOTION was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Anteau, to approve the consent agenda as presented, approval of minutes as presented by Supervisor Goldsmith, approval of bill list, payroll (checks 15933-15985, totaling \$88,134.57) Fire Department bill list (checks 1907-1912, totaling \$1,854.59), Sewer O&M bill list (check 1571-1572, totaling \$8,263.59). **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Approval of Fire Fighter & Fire Officer pay. Supervisor Goldsmith presented the 2 proposed pay for the Fire Fighter & Fire Officer pay. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve proposal 2 for the Fire Fighter & Fire Officer pay. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-abstains, Clerk Morr-abstains and Treasurer Rauch-yes. **The MOTION** carried 3-0.

Item 6. Reports:

- a. Building Department: Mr. LaPointe reported 17 permits issued in November 2022 totaling \$2,996.00 collected in permit fees as presented.
- b. Fire Chief: As presented by Chief Howe, 44 calls for November 2022. The report included 24 medical calls, 4 P.I.A, 1 illegal burn, 2 lift assist, 1 grass fire, 1 structure fire, 5 field fires, 1 water rescue, 1 odor investigation and 2 downed wire, and mutual aid 1 to Erie Township, had an average response time of 6 minutes, with an average of 6 firefighters per call. Chief Howe gave an update on the purchases for fire gear and hard suction hoses a few months ago.
- c. Attorney: Attorney Bondy's report presented by Supervisor Goldsmith. General Matters, Fire Department, Planning, Assessing & Building Matters.
- d. Blight Inspector: As presented by Jack Nida.
A MOTION was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Willis 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 Rauch stated that winter tax season is in full swing and the treasurer department has collected \$342,000.00 in taxes already and the due date for winter 2022 taxes is February 14, 2022. Treasure Rauch stated that \$16,106.33 was collected from Charter Communications for franchise fees and \$92,740.00 was collected in State Revenue Shares. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Willis to approve Treasurer's reports for November. **The MOTION** carried 5-0. Treasurer Rauch asked about Minx Rd Culverts. 2022 as presented by Treasurer Rauch.

Item 8. Commission or Board Reports:

- a. Planning Commission: Next Meeting January 12, 2023.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals: Next Meeting November 22, 2022. Next meeting December 27, 2022
 1. **Paul & Lisa Howey of 13434 LaPlaisance Woods St, LaSalle, MI 48145**, parcel # 5809-130-244-00 are requesting a variance to construct a new replacement building, from LaSalle Township Ordinance #55, section 5.17. Non-conforming replacement building height variance, 2 story building, usable 2nd floor. Due to a publication error on the Townships part, the variance request was not fully addressed and is being returned to the ZBA for review and disposition. **Approved.**
 2. **Hope Wasner of 12230 Lakeshore Dr., LaSalle, MI 48145** parcel#5809-180-274-00 Ms. Wasner is requesting a variance from Article XI R-1 Single Family Residential District & Section 5.18 Parking and Storage of campers, trailers and boats. She would request to park a camper travel trailer on a vacant lot across from her new home. **Denied**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr to approve Board reports as presented. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 9. New Business:

- a. Approval to hire Patty Hall as Deputy Treasurer on a 90-day probation period. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Willis to approve to hire Patty Hall as Deputy Treasurer on a 90-day probation at \$14.50 an hour plus stipend. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Anteau-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Treasurer Rauch-yes, Clerk Morr-yes and Trustee Willis-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- b. Approval of 2023 Holiday Dates the office will be closed. **A MOTION** was made by Treasurer Rauch, supported by Clerk Morr to approve the 2023 Holiday Dates the office will be closed. **The MOTION** carried 5-0. See Attachment.
- c. Approval of 2023 Board Meeting Dates. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr to approve 2023 Board Meeting Dates. **The MOTION** carried 5-0. See Attachments .
- d. Approval to remove capital fund monies from fire millage bank account and open separate bank account for capital fund monies. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to remove capital fund monies from fire millage bank account and open separate bank account for capital fund monies. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- e. Approval to enter fire department payroll 1 week prior to payroll for office employees and board members and set up direct deposit for Fire Department. Payroll Date for office employees and board members would be on board meeting date and payroll date for fire department will be the day after the board meeting date. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Treasurer Rauch to enter fire department payroll 1 week prior to payroll for office employees and board members and set up direct deposit for Fire Department. Payroll Date for office employees and board members would be on board meeting date and payroll date for fire department will be the day after the board meeting date. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- f. Approval of Resolution 22-05 to adopt Poverty/Hardship Exception Guidelines. **A MOTION** was made by Treasurer Rauch, supported by Clerk Morr to approve to adopt Resolution 22-05 Poverty/Hardship Exception Guidelines. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Rauch-yes, Clerk Morr-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Trustee Willis-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- g. Approval of MCRC 2023 contracts for Dust Control and Ditching. A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr to approve MCRC 2023 contracts for Dust Control in the amount of \$20,700.00 and Ditching in the amount of \$15,000.00. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Willis-yes, Treasurer Rauch-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- h. Approval of Board Appointments:
 1. Planning Commission:
 - a. John Jenkins
 1. ZBA:
 - a. Jason Sturn
 2. South County Water:
 - a. Rob Russeau
 - b. Kenneth Walker
 - c. Aaron Goldsmith, Alternate

A MOTION was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Treasurer Rauch to approve Board appointments as presented by Supervisor Goldsmith. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

Item 10. Supervisor's Report:

- a. South County Water Board: December 15, 2022.
- b. Approval of 3rd township ditch mowing. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve a 3rd ditch mowing of the township local roads. **Roll Call Vote:** Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Treasurer Rauch-yes, Clerk Morr- yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Trustee Willis-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- c. Supervisor Goldsmith presented the 2023 MCRC road estimates.

Item 11. Other Board Members: Clerk Morr stated that the elections for the year are over and the Board of Canvassers have cleared the election. Clerk Morr thanked all the election workers and wished everyone a happy holiday. Trustee Willis wished everyone a happy holiday.

Item 12. Open to the Public: Public comment began at 7:47 p.m. There was 1 comment received. Ended at 7:48 p.m.

Item 13. Date of the Next Regular Board Meeting: January 17, 2023 (Tuesday).

Item 14. Adjournment: **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.