

MINUTES OF LASALLE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 2023  
7:00 P.M.

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

Supervisor asked for a moment of silence for Danny smith and Cindy Goes.

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

**Item 3. Budget Transfers/Amendments:** Correction to Budget Transfer from January meeting 101-262-977-0(Election Supplies), Budget Transfer to 101-215-900-0(Legal Notices) in the amount of \$953.85 from 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Transfer to 101-265-702-0(Custodians Salary/Hall) in the amount of \$144.57 from account 101-267-702-0(Custodial Salary/Office), Budget Transfer to 101-268-801-0(Legal Fees) in the amount of \$707.20 from account 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Transfer to 101-336-752-0(Office Supplies) in the amount of \$589.00 from account 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Transfer to 101-701-8703-0(Meeting & Consultant Fees) in the amount of \$1,139.00 from account 101-941-955-0(Misc.), Budget Transfer to 272-336-752-0(Supplies & Consumables) in the amount of \$297.00 from account 272-336-835-0(Employee Physicals), Budget Amendment to account 277-536-958-0(Luna Pier Fees) in the amount of \$6,030.35.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to approve Budget Transfers/Amendments as presented by Clerk Morr. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Willis-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes, Supervisor 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 January 17, 2023.
- c. Approval of the bill list, payroll, checks 16035-16089, totaling \$39,609.89.
- d. Approval of Fire Department bill list, checks 1921-1935, totaling \$4,814.21.
- e. Approval of Sewer O & M bill list, checks 1575-1576, totaling \$24,321.84.
- f. Approval of Road SAD bill list, checks 1315-1316, totaling \$1000.00.
- g. Correspondence:
  1. Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation Case NO. U-21273.
  2. Charter Communications

**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 16035-16089, totaling \$39,609.89) Fire Department bill list (checks 1921-1935, totaling \$4,814.21), Sewer O&M bill list (check 1575-1576, totaling \$24,321.84), Road SAD bill list (checks 1315-1316, totaling \$1,000.00). **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

**Item 5. Unfinished Business:** None

**Item 6. Reports:**

- a. Building Department: Mr. LaPointe reported 6 permits issued in January 2023 totaling \$878.00 collected in permit fees as presented.
- b. Fire Chief: As presented by Chief Howe, 43 calls for January 2023. The report included 25 medical calls, 10 P.I.A, 1 structure fire, 1 lift assist, 2 fire alarms, 1 odor investigation and 2 downed wire, and mutual aid 1 to Monroe Twp, had an average response time of 6.3 minutes, with an average of 7 firefighters per call. Chief Howe gave an update on the January 2023 amount for paid on call. Chief Howe stated that the gear has finally come in and the old gear will be used as a secondary set. Chief Howe stated Captain Brown and Lieutenant DeSloover did an excellent job putting together the Mass Casualty training for the Fire Department held at the township hall.
- 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 State Revenue share of \$87,743 and Direct TV franchise fee of \$711.56 came in. Treasure Rauch stated that \$2.8 million in taxes was collected and distributed. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Willis to approve Treasurer's reports for January. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

**Item 8. Commission or Board Reports:**

- a. Planning Commission: Meeting February 9, 2023. Next Meeting March 23, 2023.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals: Meeting January 31, 2023 presented by Trustee Anteau. Next meeting February 28, 2023.
  1. **Calvin and Jane Hiser of 12988 LaPlaisance Woods St. LaSalle, MI 48145,** parcel # 5809-210-018-00 are requesting a variance from LaSalle Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.17 Accessory uses, Building & Structure, to construct a 30 x 48 x 16 Pole Barn Building 4/12 pitch on parcel Id# 5809-210-025-00. Building will be on vacant lot. Side setback required equal to height of building which is 18-foot 6-inches to the height. An 8-foot, 6-inch variance required both sides to lot line. Building to be 18-foot, 6-inch to mean height zoning requires 17-foot max. A 1-foot, 6-inch variance required. **Approved.**  
**A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Willis to approve Board reports as presented. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

**Item 9. New Business:**

- a. Approval of MCRC Contract for Stein Rd chip and seal Minx to Strasburg in the amount of \$29,460.00 funded by MCRC. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Treasure Rauch to approve the MCRC contract for Stein Rd chip and seal Minx to Strasburg in the amount of \$29,460.00 funded by MCRC. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- b. Approval for contribution of \$600.00 to Monroe Center for Healthy Aging. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr to approve a contribution of \$600.00 to Monroe Center for Healthy Aging. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Rach-yes, Clerk Morr-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Willis-yes and Trustee Anteau-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- c. Approval of Minx Rd Culverts Project in the amount of \$202,000.00. **A MOTION** was made by Treasurer Rauch, supported by Clerk Morr to approve the Minx Rd Culvert Project in the amount of \$202,000.00. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Anteau-yes, Trustee Willis-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Treasurer Rauch-yes and Clerk Morr-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- d. Approval to enter into contract with Digital Perspective in the amount of \$\$800.00 a month. Trustee Willis asked if Clerk could contact Digital Perspective to see if they would be willing to enter into a 2-year contract with no price increase. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported by Clerk Morr to approve to enter into a contract with Digital Perspective for 1 year in the amount of \$800.00 a month, or 2 years if Digital Perspective will allow a 2-year contract. **Roll Call Vote:** Clerk Morr -yes, Treasurer Rauch-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Trustee Willis-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- e. Approval of Budget Workshop date and Budget Hearing date. **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Trustee Willis to approve the Budget Workshop date of March 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm and the Budget Hearing Date of March 24, 2023 at 5:00 pm. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- f. Approve Positive Pay in the amount of \$85.00 a month with First Merchants Bank which is a fraud detection tool. No Action Taken
- g. Approval of correcting zoning amendment to clean up the problematic language in section 20.4, and add to legal notice for public hearing in March 23, 2023. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Willis, supported Clerk Morr approve for planning commission to review to correct zoning amendment to clean up the problematic language in section 20.4, and add to legal notice for public hearing in March 23, 2023. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- h. Approval of MCRC estimate for Beach St in the amount of \$38,134.00 **A MOTION** was made by Clerk Morr, supported by Treasurer Rauch to approve the MCRC estimate for Beach St/N. Lakeshore in the amount of \$38,134.00. **Roll Call Vote:** Treasurer Rauch-yes, Clerk Morr-yes, Supervisor Goldsmith-yes, Trustee Anteau-yes and Trustee Willis-yes. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.
- i. Open Generator bids. Supervisor Goldsmith stated that there was only 1 bid and asked for an extension.

**Item 10. Supervisor's Report:**

- a. South County Water Board: February 16, 2023.

**Item 11. Other Board Members:** Clerk Morr stated that she is going to Ida Township to observe the process for direct deposit. Clerk Morr stated that she would like to offer direct deposit to the township employees. Clerk Morr stated that there will be a May 2, 2023 Special Election for Mason Schools and Monroe Public Schools. Clerk Morr stated that she would like to look into making the township more secure with possibly putting windows in the vestibule and if a resident needs to come into the office they will need to be buzzed in.

Supervisor Goldsmith stated that there is a secrecy film that can be put on the doors that you can see out but can't be seen through the other side.

Trustee Willis stated that most government buildings have some sort of security and are not so wide open.

**Item 12. Open to the Public:** Public comment began at 7:49 p.m. There were 6 comments received. Ended at 8:22 p.m.

Marijuana cultivation came up and Supervisor Goldsmith asked the board if they wanted to reconsider marijuana in LaSalle Township. The Board stated that they did not want to reconsider marijuana in the township.

**Item 13. Date of the Next Regular Board Meeting:** March 20, 2023.

**Item 14. Adjournment:** A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Anteau, supported by Trustee Willis to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. **The MOTION** carried 5-0.

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LaDeana Morr, Clerk