

London Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
by Supervisor Taepke with the Pledge  
of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Taepke Present,  
Treasurer Beauchamp Present, Clerk  
Francis Present, Trustee Turner Present,  
Trustee Werstein Present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** January  
16, 2019

Motion by Supervisor Taepke, seconded  
by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the  
agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Resident spoke in reference to the fact  
that she is being sued by the township  
because of her pond and she asked for  
the suit to be dropped.

**Resident** addressed the Board and asked  
that they follow the booklet about con-  
duct. Also, someone visited the township  
hall and there was not anyone available.  
She asked what the township hours were.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Building Department** –Building Official  
John Tackett resigned as of Tuesday,  
January 15, 2019.  
**Craig Strong of the CES Department of  
Carlisle/Wortman Associates Inc.**  
Addressed the board and explained the  
services that could be provided to the  
township. A proposal was submitted  
dated January 8, 2019. They currently  
provide building administrative, code  
enforcement and rental housing  
inspection services to twelve southeast  
Michigan governmental entities and  
perform construction code plan review for  
nearly twenty communities including the  
City of Ann Arbor and the City of Milan.  
They are proposing to administer the  
Building Department out of the City of  
Milan's Building Department and cost  
share. Township citizens will have  
access to services 5 days per week,  
Monday thru Friday, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Building inspections will be available  
4 days per week. Their proposal to  
the township is \$32,000.00 p/year or

\$2,666.00 p/month for one year, which would cover all expenses including payment to plumbing, electrical and mechanical inspectors. Construction Plan Review and Meeting Attendance with be an additional expense.

Motion by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Werstein to bid out for the building official and inspector.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Treasurer** Beauchamp No, **Clerk** Francis No, **Supervisor** Taepke No, **Trustee** Werstein Yes, **Trustee** Turner Yes.

Supervisor Taepke expressed his opinion that the residents need to have a building official available 5 days a week. Their proposal is reasonable and there is plenty of funds in the building fund to pay for it. Treasurer Beauchamp is concerned that the residents will have to continue to wait.

Supervisor Taepke indicated that if the township does not fill this position, then the State will take over.

Motion by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to hire Code Enforcement Services (CES) according to the terms of their proposal contingent upon the approval from the City of Milan.

**ROLL CALL:** **Clerk** Francis Yes, **Supervisor** Taepke Yes, **Treasurer** Beauchamp Yes, **Trustee** Turner No, **Trustee** Werstein No.

Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Francis, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp that CES work with the current Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer alongside their services for the building department.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Supervisor** Taepke Yes, **Trustee** Werstein Yes, **Clerk** Francis Yes, **Trustee** Turner Yes, **Treasurer** Beauchamp Yes.

Motion carried.

**Approval of Checks: \$7,265.70**

These checks were payroll totals and were not included in the amount listed on the 1/14/2019 meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Taepke, seconded Treasurer Beauchamp, to approve checks from the General Fund in the amount of \$7,265.70.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Trustee** Turner Yes, **Supervisor** Taepke Yes, **Treasurer** Beauchamp Yes, **Trustee** Werstein Yes, **Clerk** Francis Yes.

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Resident advised the board that he followed the rules by the book when cleaning his pond and he asked the board to drop the suit.

Resident addressed the board and asked that they hold a special meeting regarding a pond suit.

Resident spoke in reference to her pond and the suit against her.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted, Clerk Lisa Francis**