

London Township
Board Minutes
November 11, 2019

Call to order by Supervisor Taepke. 7:34pm
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Gary Taepke-Present, Clerk Kimberly Sharp-Excused, Treasurer Melissa Beauchamp-Present, Trustee Penny Turner-Present, Trustee Roger Werstein-Present.

Approval of Agenda:

-Trustee Turner asked to move item #3 Article 12 from Unfinished Business to New Business item #3.

-Trustee Werstein asked about the outstanding PA116's, Clerk Sharp was absent, but Deputy Clerk Anita McCranie stated that because the Monroe County Planning Commission dissolved, copies were sent by Certified Mail to the Monroe County Commissioners.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to accept the agenda as amended placing Unfinished Business #3 Article 12 to New Business #3.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

First Citizens Time:

-A resident said there will be more signatures for the no water committee petition he will be presenting to the Board at the December meeting. Same resident had a question on reimbursement of excavation equipment to finish his pond, he affirmed he will contact his legal counsel.

-Neighborhood Watch had a very successful cleanup day even though the weather was very cold and windy.

Approval of Minutes:

-Trustee Turner pointed out the date is wrong. The date shown is October 14, 2015, it should be October 14, 2019.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to amend October's Minutes by changing the date to October 14, 2019 from October 14, 2015.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report:

- Reiterated the Fall Clean-Up was a huge success.
- Has been working with the Township Attorney and the Building Official on minor revisions of our Bight Ordinance, creating a Municipal Infractions Ordinance, and a Vacant Home Ordinance.

Motion made by Treasure Beauchamp, seconded by Trustee Turner to accept the Supervisors Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report:

- Winter taxes will be mailed out on December 1, 2019.
- Due dates are December 1, 2019 through February 14, 2020.
- The Treasurer will have extended hours Friday February 14, 2020 and Friday February 29th to collect tax bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Trustee Turner to accept the Treasures Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Clerks Report:

None.

- Trustee Turner is wondering about getting meeting packets on the Friday before the meeting, she would also like to get the fund balances.

Building Department Report:

- 15 Permits were issued for a total of \$4,857.40

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to accept the Building Department Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator's Report:

- 2 Illegal fence updates, one was sent 4 letters and left 2 voicemails describing the issue, and advising a solution. There has been no response. Recommendation: it should get handled through Attorney Bogard and circuit court. Second fence the property owner came in and paid for a Zoning Permit.

- SLU Compliance Check Darling Rd. is in compliance.

-Complaints:

1. 2 properties owned by same person have not been maintained according to the Property Maintenance Section 1.09 of the zoning ordinance violations and penalties. This was handed over to the Building Official and another letter was sent.

2. Several complaints of ‘haulers, gravel trains and trucks” not following haul routes. Calls to the contractors and trucking company solved the problem.

3. Residents complained a property was in violation of a consent agreement from the 1970’s. After investigation this was found to be true and a letter sent to property owner. Whom accepted responsibility and promised to resolve the issues.

4. Stock pile of tires on Oelke Rd. letter sent stating violation of property maintenance sec. 6.304 of the London Township Zoning Ordinance. This will also be sent to the Building Official.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Trustee Turner to accept Zoning Administrator’s Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Planning Commission Report:

-Reviewed and Approved Filling and Extraction Ordinance and will set it for public hearing at their December meeting.

-Deletion of the Striping and Removal as it is included in the new Filling and Extraction Ordinance

-Direction is needed on the Ordinance for Marijuana Grow Facilities.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to accept the Planning Commission Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Reading of Monthly Disbursements:

General Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the disbursements from the General Fund **Totaling 79,696.89**

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **YES**, Treasurer Beauchamp **YES**, Clerk Sharp **Absent**.

Motion Carried

Sewer Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to approve the disbursements form the Sewer Fund **Totaling \$3,322.56**

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **YES**, Treasurer Beauchamp **YES**, Clerk Sharp **Absent**.

Motion Carried

TOTAL MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS: \$83,019.45

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Financial Report:** Clerk Sharp received the Financial Report back from the auditors on the date of the last meeting for the board to review. Trustee Turner wanted confirmation that the Treasurer and Clerk do a Reconciliation every month. Treasurer Beauchamp stated they do. Also, Deputy Clerk McCranie was informed by Clerk Sharp that she has a line item question for the Auditors

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to accept and approve the Annual Financial Report Dated March 31, 2019.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **YES**, Treasurer Beauchamp **YES**, Clerk Sharp **Absent**.

Motion Carried

- 2. Hall Rental:** Tabled, due to Clerk being absent.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to table Hall Rental, due to Clerk being absent.

All in favor: **AYE**.

Motion Carried

- 3. Check to David Arthur #57876:** Tabled, due to Clerk being absent.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to table Check to David Arthur, due to Clerk being absent.

All in favor: **AYE**.

Motion Carried

- 4. Cameras/Security:**

Treasure Beauchamp met with a representative from Innovative Electronic Services for cameras for the Township Hall. He presented the board with a proposal that would include installation of 4 wireless cameras, 1 standalone camera, and setup of a DVR box with 1TB hard drive for \$1,309.92. Trustee Turner was looking at obtaining a quote from a company that saves data to the Cloud, she will get more information for Decembers meeting.

5. Marijuana Ordinance:

Supervisor Taepke met with Township Attorney Bondy and Building Inspector Steve Bredernitz. Recreational marijuana grow facility rules are still being written by the State of Michigan. Trustee Turner asked the board for more direction to be given to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission received a draft ordinance in 2018 written by previous Clerk Larry Lee it included 7 licenses; 2 Class-A, 2 Class-C, 2 Processor and 1 Transporter. Supervisor Taepke personally would not like to see Provisioning Centers. What needs to be determined is the number of grow facilities (Medical and Recreational), size, whether we want processors, transporters, and/or provisioning centers.

Motion made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Werstein to accept 0 (zero) Medical or Recreational Marijuana Grow Facilities.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **NO**, Treasurer Beauchamp **NO**, Clerk Sharp **Absent**.

Motion Fails

New Business:

1. Township Attorney:

Attorney Conly Crossley (Petrangelo Bondy & Crossley) who has represented the Township for several years is scaling back her hours. She assured the Township that her partner Kerry Bondy will be happy to represent the Townships legal matters and has assisted with the Township in the past.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to formally accept Kerry Bondy as the London Township Attorney.

All in favor: **AYE**.

Motion Carried

2. Meeting Dates and Holidays:

The following dates are Township Observed Holidays for 2020 and the office will be closed:

December 31, 2019 New Year's Eve. (Tuesday)
January 1, 2020 New Year's Day (Wednesday)
January 20, 2020 Martin Luther King Day (Monday)
May 25, 2020 Memorial Day (Monday)
July 4, 2020 Independence Day (Saturday)
September 7, 2020 Labor Day (Monday)**
October 12, 2020 Columbus Day (Monday)
November 11, 2020 (Wednesday)
November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving Day (Thursday)
November 27, 2020 (Friday)
December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve (Thursday)
December 25, 2020 Christmas Day (Friday)

December 31, 2020 New Year's Eve (Thursday)

January 1, 2021 New Year Day (Friday)

****Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday September 8, 2020**

3. Article 12:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Trustee Turner to table Article 12 till December's meeting when Clerk Sharp is present.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

2nd Citizens time:

-Resident had a concern that the Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission was giving the Commission more information than she is required to. He also was concerned that during the community clean up that there were articles of furniture that had been sitting at the side of the road for weeks should have not been cleaned up. He added to his previous statements in the first citizens time any correspondence about his pond excavation equipment reimbursement that Supervisor Taepke has, he asked if Supervisor Taepke would carbon copy Attorney Bogard, Supervisor Taepke stated he would.

-Citizen wanted update if Ag Industries laid stone at the London Cemetery on Plank rd. Supervisor Taepke will contact for delivery.

-Another resident was questioning why there are signs stating there will be fines if found littering if the local law enforcement does nothing about those caught littering.

-A resident would like to see the information on what improvements are being done with the road millage money. This money is in the General Fund under its own Line Item.

-Question on how many trucks brine our roads and if the resident could get a schedule of when the roads are being brined so he can check for himself that it is getting done.

-Deputy Clerk McCranie has been working on getting the 2 light poles in the Township Hall parking lot taken out since September with no luck she will keep trying.

-Doug Darling a member of the Planning Commission recommended if the Board wants to reconsider Article 12 that it does go through the Planning Commission, due to the concerns that the County Planning Commission had with it and any legal ramifications as it has been over 6 months. He feels it needs to be started all over. He also wanted to clear up information that properties with PA 116's although they do not get assessed the property owner does have a say when it comes to municipal water, because it does impact their property assessment.

-There is no water update.

-Deputy Supervisor Amanda Taepke questioned if those residents that have Escrows if they get the Township newsletters, Treasure Beauchamp stated they do get mailed. Newsletters will also be posted online (londontwp.org/ and at facebook.com/londontownshipmi/)

-Resident wondered if the Township owns any property and if it does why it doesn't sell it. Supervisor Taepke said there were but they are chopped up pieces.

Board of Trustee Comments:

-Trustee Turner asked about the “Bad Check Resolution” and the Cemetery Operating Rules. Supervisor Taepke and Treasure Beauchamp stated they will check with the Attorney.

Adjournment:

Motion made by; Supervisor Taepke seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adjourn at: 9:11pm

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita R. McCranie
Deputy Clerk