

**London Township**

June 10, 2019

Board Meeting

Minutes

Call to order by Supervisor Taepke, 7:44pm

Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Supervisor Gary Taepke-Present, Clerk Lisa Francis Present, Treasurer- Melissa Beauchamp-Present, Trustee Penny Turner-Present, Trustee Roger Werstein-Present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Additions:**

#4 Unfinished business: International Property Management Code

**New Business:**

#1 Pavilion and hall rental

#2 River Raisin Watershed Council

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, supported by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor AYE.

**Motion Carried**

**1<sup>st</sup> Citizens Time:**

-Tree Down on Tuttlehill rd blocking road, south of Ostrander.

-Fliers for Neighborhood Watch BBQ and Movie Night were set out.

-Handouts for Article 12 regarding other townships were handed out. For information when board discusses Article 12 later in this meeting.

-2 citizens were concerned about the drainage on Calhoun rd. Monroe County Road Commission states that there would be a cost share with the township. Resident stated he will try to garner neighbor signatures to push this project forward, faster.

-Question about fixing Oakville Waltz rd west of Rawsonville rd. They are prepping the area so it can be fixed i.e. taking down trees, replacing culverts etc.

**Approval of Minutes: (May 6, 2019)**

#3 on page 2 Trustee Werstein pointed out that the minutes showed his vote NO on the Small Pond Ordinance. He stated in fact his vote was AYE. This will NOT change vote.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Francis to approve minutes as amended. Minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to change Trustees Werstein's vote to AYE. All in favor AYE.

**Motion Carried**

**Supervisors Report:**

Darling road culvert (Thayer Drain) has had 2 large washouts in 2 weeks. Because of the deterioration the Monroe County Road Commission has placed weight limits until the replacement of the culvert.

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Trustee Turner to accept the Supervisor report. All in favor AYE

**Motion Carried**

**Treasurers Report:**

Summer tax bills will go out on July 1, 2019. Working with assessor. The township is also using a new Printer out of Ida.

Supervisor Taepke made a motion, seconded by Clerk Francis to accept the Treasurers Report. All in favor AYE

**Motion Carried**

**Clerk Report:**

No report.

**Building Department:**

No Report.

**Planning Commission:**

Made changes with extractions and will review next month.

Supervisor Taepke made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to accept the Planning Commission Report. All in favor AYE

**Motion Carried**

**Zoning Administrator:**

-Enforcements: Prohibited fence, letter sent explaining corrective measures and are waiting on a response from homeowner.

-Blight: Work has halted in clearing of fence at one property letter going out on June 15, 2019 for inspection.

-Ordinance Violation: RV parked at right, must be 100ft from right of way.

- 4 resident complaints of blight.
- Dirt berm update resident failed to pay for and have site plan was given 30 more days to correct before Lawyer will handle through the Monroe County Circuit Court.
- 2 extraction inspections, both had site plan violations. Both residents were notified, and full compliance is expected.
- 1 land division/combination application

Supervisor Taepke made motion, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to accept Zoning Administer Report, All in favor AYE.

**Motion Carried**

**Monthly Disbursement:**

General fund: Includes Bills, Payroll and Election Payroll \$30,257.07.

Clerk Francis made motion, seconded by Trustee Turner to accept the Monthly Disbursement \$30,257.07.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Francis YES, Trustee Werstein YES, Trustee Turner YES

**Motion Carried**

**Sewer Fund Expense:**

\$148.56

Treasure Beauchamp made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Taepke. to disburse \$148.56 out of the sewer fund.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Francis YES, Trustee Werstein NO, Trustee Turner YES

**Motion Carried**

**Total Disbursements: \$30,405.63**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Resident Payment:** Supervisor Taepke read a letter from Lawyer Bogard in regard to reimbursement of a resident's lawyer fees in which he does not recommend.

Supervisor Taepke made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to reverse motion to pay Ms. Owens, from the May 13, 2019 Board meeting and London Township shall make no payments to Ms. Owens.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Francis NO, Trustee Werstein NO, Trustee Turner NO

**Motion Failed**

**Article 12:**

Email to Deputy Supervisor Taepke from Conly (Township Lawyer) stated that Planning Commission has final say and is not illegal.

Supervisor Taepke made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve Article 12 as presented and approved by the Planning Commission.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Francis NO, Trustee Werstein NO, Trustee Turner NO

**Motion Failed**

**Water Committee Update:**

-There is a new Facebook page for the London Township Water Initiative: "London Township Resident's Safe Water Initiative".

-Discussion of funding options were discussed. There are different USDA loans, Drinking Water Revolving Fund loans- Grants are determined by median household income. A USDA grant is not going to be an option.

**Unfinished Business:**

**International Property Management Code:** Township Building Official stated if the Township were to follow the International Property Management Code it would make blight and hazardous properties easier to address.

Supervisor Taepke made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adopt Resolution **2019-03** International Property Management Code. 2018 Edition.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Francis YES, Trustee Werstein NO, Trustee Turner YES

**Motion Carried**

**New Business:**

Pavilion and Hall Rental: Hall and Pavilion can be used by residents. Lawyer will have to make a Hold Harmless agreement form for the rental. A \$50 refundable deposit will be needed to rent the pavilion. More information is needed for a policy of the rental of the hall, as issues of heating, lighting, cleaning will need to be addressed.

Treasure Beauchamp made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Taepke, to rent the pavilion at no cost to whomever wants to rent it but, there will be a \$50 security deposit and they will have to sign a Hold Harmless waiver. Once an employee from the Township checks to see whether everything is picked up then they get their \$50 refunded.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Francis YES, Trustee Werstein YES, Trustee Turner YES

**Motion Carried**

**River Raisin Watershed:** Teachers had fieldtrips to teach children about the ecosystem of the river.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Citizens time:**

Concern board members may not have full knowledge of their positions.

**Ending Comments from the board:**

Treasurer Beauchamp stated there is a problem when she and the Clerk use their Township credit cards. Because of this the purchase of the sound system had to be delayed.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adjourn at 9:33pm. All in favor AYE.

**Motion Carried**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Anita R. McCranie  
London Township Deputy Clerk

