

London Township
Board Minutes (Draft)
January 11, 2021

Call to order by Supervisor Turner 7:30pm
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Penny Turner-Present, Clerk Kimberly Sharp-Present, Treasurer Lisa Moore-Present,
Trustee Daryl Nichols-Present, Trustee Michael Pinkowski-Present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept the agenda as amended:

Unfinished Business:

To switch the topics making #3 Township Wages and #5 Water Grant.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer
Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES

Motion Carried

First Citizens Time:

- Amanda Taepke asked if the minutes where approved. They have not yet.
- Kenneth Daryl Howard had questions about the Water Grant. Clerk Sharp explained this will not cost the Township any more money to apply for the Grant and there is no district set yet.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by, Trustee Pinkowski, seconded by Treasurer Moore to accept the December 14, 2020 Minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer
Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report:

- Met with Milan Area Fire Dept.
- Attended Board of Review and they are empathetic with the Residents.
- Talked with Senator Peters about the internet issues the Township faces.

- The State inspected the Boiler; report has not been returned.
- She is happy with the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Trustee Nichols to accept the Supervisors Report.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report:

None

Clerks Report:

- Needs an alternate for the Raisin River Watershed Council if anyone would like to volunteer.

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Treasurer Moore to accept the Clerks Report.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Building Department Report:

- 7 permits issued, totaling \$3,390.07.

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Pinkowski to accept the Building Department Report.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Assessors Report:

- The Board of Review met on December 15, 2020, they acted on 9 petitions including hardship exemptions, disabled veterans' exemptions and Qualified Agriculture exemptions.
- Starting in 2022 PA 660 the Board of Review members will be required to participate in State Tax Commission Audit training at least once every 2 years.
- The annual Personal Property Canvass was conducted on December 30, 2020 to determine the status of all eligible taxable commercial and industrial property in the township.
- Field visits to determine accurate property value for 2021 are concluding this month. The AMAR-required reinspection of the township continues and should be concluded this spring.

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Nichols to accept the Assessors Report.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator Report:

- All active Ponds, Extractions, and Reclamation have been inspected in December 2020.
- 3 Violations- 2 stockpiles within required setbacks warnings and letters sent. 1 rectified the same day the other was done the same week. Stop work order issued for fill that included concrete and asphalt millings for a driveway, site plan submitted for future project and will apply for driveway permit from the MCRC.
- Several Reclamation works should be finished by the April 21, 2021 deadline.
- SLU Darling Rd. in compliance.
- Illegal Occupation of Parcels Tuttlehill Rd. Township Attorney Kerry Bondy has been notified. Awaiting response.
- 13 Blight properties notified. 4 property owners agreed to pull demo permits-2 permits issued, 2 showing progress, working with several others to remove blight. Second and final warnings to be issued to others,

Motion made by Trustee Pinkowski, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept Zoning Administrators Report.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Planning Commission Report:

- Elections of new officers Dan Cable-Chair, Doug Darling-Co-Chair and Anita Straub-Secretary.
- SP 20-01 for a new .23 acres pond was approved and will be discussed under New Business #4.
- Lots of discussion on previous Fill, Extractions and Small Pond Ordinances that have been worked on for many years are invalid and will need to be worked on to enact.

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Treasurer Moore to accept the Planning Commission Report.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Reading of Monthly Disbursements:

General Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Treasurer Moore to approve the disbursements from the General Fund **Totaling \$32,050.62**

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Pinkowski except the expenditures of \$32,050.62 out of the General Fund.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols **YES**, Trustee Pinkowski **YES**, Supervisor Turner **YES**, Treasurer Moore **YES**, Clerk Sharp **YES**.

Motion Carried

Sewer Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Treasurer Moore to approve the disbursements from the Sewer Fund **Totaling \$3,360.00**

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols **YES**, Trustee Pinkowski **YES**, Supervisor Turner **YES**, Treasurer Moore **YES**, Clerk Sharp **YES**.

Motion Carried

TOTAL MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS: \$35,410.62

Unfinished Business:

1. Monroe County Road Commission Contracts (MCRC)

- \$19,000 for Mowing of Township Ditches to DK Outdoor Services.
- Joint effort with Exeter Township for Rawsonville Road. London Townships portion is \$22,466.00 for stoning.
- Chip Sealing Darling Rd. Tuttlehill to end of asphalt covered by the MCRC (\$18,240.00).

Motion made by Trustee Pinkowski, seconded by Trustee Nichols to approve \$19,000.00 to DK Outdoor Services for ditch mowing, \$22,466.00 for London Townships portions of stoning Rawsonville Rd. and to approve the \$18,240.00 paid for by the MCRC for Chip Sealing on Darling Rd.

Wanty Rd will be tabled Supervisor Turner will get a breakdown on the prices of the 2 bids received.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols **YES**, Trustee Pinkowski **YES**, Supervisor Turner **YES**, Treasurer Moore **YES**, Clerk Sharp **YES**.

Motion Carried

2. Dumpsters:

-Discussion of getting cameras for the dumpster to see who is dumping and possibly moving them closer to the building.

3. Surrounding Township Wages:

-The board reviewed surrounding Townships and what the wages are for the Zoning Administrator and Deputy Clerk.

Motion made by Treasurer Moore, seconded by Clerk Sharp to increase the pay of the Zoning Administrator Ron Youngblood to \$18.00 per hour and Deputy Clerk Anita Straub to \$17.00 per hour retroactive to December 14, 2020 and to any new employees to these positions will go back to \$15.00 per hour.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

4. Roof:

-Only 1 bid was submitted for repair on the roof at the Township Hall.

Motion made by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Clerk Sharp to hire Morawski Second Generation Roofing to fix the leak on the roof and get bids on a new roof.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

5. Water Grant:

Motion made by Trustee Pinkowski, seconded by Treasurer Moore to table the Water Grant till the Board sees the filled-out Water Grant Application.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols NO, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner NO, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp NO.

Motion Failed

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Supervisor Turner we will apply or request the City of Monroe or County of Monroe to apply for the Water Grant on behalf of London Township at no expense to the Township as required by EGLE.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski NO, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

New Business:

1. Building Keys:

-Trustee Pinkowski and Trustee Nichols agreed the Township Hall should be rekeyed as new administration comes in for the back and front door. This was just done a few months ago and there are now cameras. Clerk Sharp will investigate the price.

Motion made by Trustee Pinkowski seconded by Clerk Sharp to table rekeying of the outer doors to the Township Hall to get prices.

2. Milan Area Fire Department (MAFD)

-Supervisor Turner and Trustee Pinkowski attended the MAFD meeting on a new Fire Station for the MAFD. London Township uses 14.11% of the MAFD particularities. Supervisor Turner will get the numbers on what this will cost the Township.

3. Building Department:

-The Building Dept. has sent in complaints to the State of Michigan and to the Monroe County Health Dept. about employees not using masks, this was proven to be unfounded.
-Complaints have come in that the Building Dept. is not issuing permits. Recently someone buying a home has not been able to obtain permits to fix it to sell it as it is not their primary residence. Supervisor Turner has talked with the State Building Dept. and our Attorney. They have stated this is not factual. Our Building Inspector stated he will not issue these permits. There now must be a hearing and appoint a 5-member board.

Motion made by Treasurer Moore, seconded by Trustee Nichols to terminate CES Contract utilizing the 90-day clause in their contract so we have time to get bids/hire a replacement Building Official.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

4. ZA Classes:

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Treasurer Moore to reimburse the Ron Youngblood ZA for \$395.00 for the class for Zoning Administration through Michigan State University to start February 1st 2021.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

5. SP 20-01:

-This is a Site Plan for a .23-acre pond, being that had been turned in August 2020 and because of the delay it has already been dug. They will be building a house on this property and needed the backfill. The pond dept must be measured. This was approved by the Planning Commission,

Motion made by Trustee Pinkowski, seconded by Supervisor Turner to approve SP20-01.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

6. Huntington and First Merchants Bank:

-Treasurer Moore has only been added to the tax accounts at these banks and there are other accounts Treasurer Moore, Deputy Treasurer Renee Humes and Clerk Sharp needs to be added to these accounts also.

Motion made by Treasurer Moore, seconded by Supervisor Turner to add Treasurer Moore, Supervisor Turner and Clerk Sharp to all accounts at Huntington.

Motion made by Treasurer Moore, seconded by Supervisor Turner to add Treasurer Moore, Deputy Treasurer Renee Humes and Clerk Sharp to all the First Merchants Bank Accounts.

Roll Call: Trustee Nichols YES, Trustee Pinkowski YES, Supervisor Turner YES, Treasurer Moore YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

2nd Citizens time:

-Ken (Daryl) Howard would like to know the price per parcel of the Water District and if we have unsafe water. Supervisor Turner will send the filled-out Water Grant Application to the entire Board before it is submitted.

-Resident Sheena Slavicek of the London Township Watch has scheduled a Spring Clean-Up for the Township on April 24, 2021.

-Amanda Taepke stated the 2 Mils for the MAFD may help cover some of the MAFD new hall. Has not seen the minutes on Facebook and Londontwp.org site, Deputy Straub will investigate this. noted there were errors on the December 2020 Minutes the misspelling First Merchants Bank and the misspellings of Nichols a couple times. Had question on inspections. Thanked Trustee Nichols, Clerk Sharp and Supervisor Turner for looking out for the residents.

Board of Trustee Comments:

-Clerk Sharp also reminded anyone interested in being an alternative delegate to the Raisin River Watershed Council to let her know.

-Trustee Nichols ran on seeking out funding for Township Wide Internet, He is reaching out to County Commissioners for help. Washtenaw County has started a task force at the County Commissioners level he found out about the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund a Federal Broadband Grant that offers \$9.2 Billion in funding to bring digital connectivity to more than 10 million Americans. In Michigan 13 internet providers may receive \$362 million over 10 years to 249,000 locations. Would like to see Monroe County do this. Supervisor Turner is talking with Senator Peters on the internet issue also.

Adjournment:

Motion made by; Supervisor Turner, seconded by Clerk Sharp to adjourn at: 9:56 PM.

All in favor **AYE**

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita R. Straub
Deputy Clerk