

London Township
Board Minutes
January 13, 2020

Call to order by Supervisor Taepke 7:35pm
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of:

Unfinished Business:

2. Drain Commission
3. Pinkowski Bill

New Business:

6. Township Attorney
7. Roads
8. Decker Insurance
9. ZA Desk
10. Classes
11. MTA Red Books

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

First Citizens Time:

-Daryl Nichols wanted to thank the board for allowing him to continue his appointment to the Planning Commission, he was also elected chair for the 4th consecutive term.

-Greg Hughes Maintenance Man informed the Board that the back-storage area is leaking again. The Clerk's Dept will get ahold of Morawski Second Generation Roofing to fix the leak.

-Stone will be added to the London Cemetery driveway in the Spring.

-Officer Rico Galimberti of the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. passed along the following information: An Amazon driver (making deliveries in Milan and London Townships) was followed by a newer black Ford SUV. After entering Dundee Township two white males assaulted the driver. Descriptions of the suspects stated they are both in their mid-30's, both had 5 o'clock shadows, one had short dark brown hair and the other had short blonde hair and a large nose. The driver was unharmed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Trustee Turner to accept the December 9, 2019 Minutes as Presented.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report:

-Supervisor Taepke received an email from Attorney David Bogard in regards to an invoice that resident Mike Pinkowski presented to the board to pay for excavation equipment to finish bringing his pond into compliance. Part of the letter read that "Mr. Pinkowski was given arrangements that the Township would pay the associated fees for engineering, administrative, and site plan costs. At no time was there ever a discussion nor an agreement of any other fees being paid by the Township, and certainly not equipment rental fees. In my opinion it would be inappropriate, usurious and burdensome for London Township to pay these costs as they are outside of the agreement."

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

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report:

-No Report

Clerks Report:

-No Report

Building Department Report:

-The total number of permits issued for the month of December was 14. Totaling \$2436.00

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

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator Report:

-Illegal Pond Update: Stone Rd. Several weeks after request for the Township Board to pay the fees for resident's pond to come into compliance, a follow up enforcement letter was sent. The resident has abandoned his request and is working on his site plan to come into compliance.

-Extraction Operation: Allison Rd. Stop work order issued to halt fill operation aspect of Extraction. Site plan revision to allow the fill operation to continue is currently before the Planning Commission.

-SLU Compliance Check: Darling Rd. In Compliance.

-Complaints: Many complaints on the condition of several roads within the Township, referred all that called to contact the Monroe County Road Commission. ZA talked with Matt Stone (MCRC) personally about this situation.

-Stockpiling of tires on Oelke Rd. has been resolved.

-Illegal occupation of Parcels: (1) Tuttlehill Rd. Spoke with owner those occupying parcel have been told by owner to vacate by January 1, 2020, second letter sent waiting for a response. (2) Grames Rd. Second letter sent: still no response although other residents have told the ZA that they believe the persons living there have vacated. ZA will monitor the situation.

-Investigation of two other parcels that are illegally occupied, investigations are underway.

-Supervisor Taepke has been in discussion with Ron Youngblood Zoning Administrator about the Township purchasing body cameras and range finders that can be used for all personnel that will be doing field work (ZA, Building Inspector, Assessor, etc.). Ron sent prices for several of these items. Supervisor Taepke asked the Board to review this information before February's meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to accept Zoning Administrators Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Planning Commission Report:

- Elections were held, Daryl Nichols will hold the position of chair, Mark Gaynier will hold the vice-chair position and LeRoy Zieske will hold the position of secretary.
- Public hearing was held on the Filling Operations. Existing driveway maintenance will be exempt. It will now go to the county for review.
- Allison Rd pond. Site B (fill operation) will be Red Tagged and the Site A can continue, but will have to come before the PC.
- Many complaints about the condition of Allison Rd.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Sharp 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 Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the disbursements from the General Fund **Totaling \$44,242.17**

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

Motion Carried

Sewer Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the disbursements from the Sewer Fund **Totaling \$3,448.56**

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

Motion Carried

TOTAL MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS: \$47,690.73

Unfinished Business:

1. Cameras:

A representative from Innovative Electronic Services was invited to answer questions about different security camera options, storage options and other questions.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Trustee Turner to table till Jim from Innovative Electronic Services can rework the quote with different options.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

2. Drain Commission:

A culvert on Tuttlehill Rd. has to be fixed or the road will be closed after school ends for the year. The Monroe County Drain Commission has sent this out for bid in 2016 at the present time the bid is \$26,000. Resident Ed Girard stated if the Township pays for materials and permits, he will do the work free of charge.

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Trustee Turner to have Ed Girard give an estimate for materials to replace the culvert on Tuttlehill rd.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

3. Pinkowski Bill:

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Trustee Turner to draw up a letter that Mike Pinkowski will sign to attest that this will be the last bill submitted to the Township and the Township will pay \$2,000 for final excavation work.

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

Motion Carried

New Business:

1. Custodian:

-Cleaning has been sub-par lately.

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Clerk Sharp to seek bids for custodian and the current cleaner will continue till position is filled.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

2. Blight Ordinance Amendment:

-Section 3 Enforcement and Penalties. It was recommended by the Township Attorney and the Building Official that these amendments should pass as it would give more authority to handle enforcement and penalties.

-Trustee Turner questioned the fees being excessive, however Supervisor Taepke said the Township will work with property owners and it is states in part of Section 2 B. "that if a bona fide effort to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors are in progress".

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept the Blight Ordinance as presented

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

Motion Carried

3. Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance:

-Supervisor Taepke stated there was a slight change in the wording from the previous ordinance in Section 7 and Section 8, both have 8 persons that are authorized to issue citations where the previous versions only had 6. Trustee Turner again had issues with the penalties and believes they are excessive.

Motion made Supervisor Taepke, seconded Treasurer Beauchamp to pass and adopt the Civil Infraction Ordinance.

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

Motion Carried

4. Boiler Replacement:

-American Heating and Cooling sent a quote to replace the boiler with a new furnace and removal of all piping. It also included A/C in the kitchen area.

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to work in \$16,000 to next year's budget to replace the boiler with a new furnace with A/C and get more quotes for comparison.

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

5. Alanoly Pond:

-Packets were presented to the Board last month to review the site plan for a ½ acre pond.

Motion made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve a 1/2-acre pond at 12295 Tuttlehill Rd.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

6. Township Attorney:

Supervisor Taepke read a resignation letter from Attorney David Bogard. The Township will retain Attorney Karry Bondy.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept David Bogard's resignation.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

7. Roads:

-Project list was distributed from the Monroe County Road Commission for several roads that will receive road improvements in 2020. London Townships portion will come from the road millage.

-The following roads to receive improvements:

1. Day Rd. Dead End to Bunce Rd. (.27 miles) 2" Aggregate Lift
2. Day Rd. Saline River Rd. to Tuttlehill Rd. (1.28 miles) 2" Aggregate Lift
3. Wells Rd. Sherman Rd. to Oelke Rd. (3.73 miles) 2" Aggregate Lift
4. Gramlick Rd. Day Rd. to Grames Rd. (3.93 miles) 2" Aggregate
5. Milan-Oakville Rd. Wanty Rd. to Tuttlehill Rd. (2.51 Miles) Micro-surface
6. Ostrander Rd. Plank Rd. to Yensch Rd. (1.38 miles) Mill and Fill
7. Plank Rd. Ostrander Rd. to Day Rd (3.66 miles) Single Chip Seal
8. Yensch Rd Ostrander Rd. to Ostrander Rd. (.53 miles) Mill and Fill

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the expenditures for our local roads \$96,255.00 to come out of the road millage fund.

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

Motion Carried

8. Decker Insurance:

-Kevin Decker from Decker Insurance Company came in to explain our insurance coverage. There were a few questions that came up that he will look into such as the prices for the 'pumping station' and the pavilion. Decker Insurance Co. will have an independent appraiser come into the Township Hall and go through the aspects of the policy.

9. ZA Desk:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to pay up to \$100 for a new desk for the ZA.

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

Motion Carried

10. Classes;

ZA Ron Youngblood and Deputy Clerk Anita McCranie (new member to the Planning Commission) would like to go to 2 classes in March (Zoning Administration, Planning and Zoning Essentials) held by the Michigan Association of Planning.

Motion made Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve up to \$730 for 3 classes, as listed held by the MAP for Ron Youngblood and Anita McCranie.

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

Motion Carried

11. MTA Red Books:

-A new edition (2020) of the Michigan Township Association Red Book has been printed and Trustee Turner would like to get new copies. There will be 5 ordered for the board and one for the Planning Commission Chair.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to order 6 new MTA Red Books in the amount of \$52.50 each.

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

Motion Carried

2nd Citizens time:

-A resident asked the insurance representative if there are any lawsuits against the Township if the premiums would go up. The rep. states that it is taken into account.

-Another resident would like the new revisions to the ordinances be put on the website. Supervisor Taepke said that it would be a good idea so the residents can read it. She also asked what the guidelines are for the dumpster. Supervisor Taepke stated that it is for Township use and if someone has trash that is dumped on their property, they can bring it to the dumpster, it is not for personal household garbage.

-A resident asked if a property owner does not live in the Township and they have blight will the Township go after the punitive damages within 10 days. Supervisor Taepke stated that these fees do not happen first. The first step is to contact the landowner which does take time and depending on if the landowner is willing to work to resolve the issue in a reasonable time there would be no fees.

Board of Trustee Comments:

-Trustee Turner asked about the update on the hall rental. Supervisor Taepke was waiting for the contract with LIFE (the company that serves senior lunches at the Sullivan Center). The contract was signed this morning. Now the hall rental can move forward.

-Trustee Turner asked about the Returned Check and Cemetery Policy. Clerk Sharp will check with the Attorney if there are any updates.

-Trustee Turner wondered if there is any more information on the monitoring wells. Supervisor Taepke stated that he has talked with the Monroe County Health Dept. and they are not interested in monitoring them and is still looking at our options.

-Trustee Turner would like to see what work is being done on employee timecards and not just hours. She was wondering if we could use the system Clerk Sharp has put in place for the Deputy Clerk (the ZA is also using this system) and hourly employees that do not have computer access at home could come into to the Township and use the computers there.

-Motion made by Trustee Turner to use Clerk Sharp's timecard system for hourly employees.

No support

Motion Fails

Adjournment:

Motion made by; Supervisor Taepke seconded by Clerk Sharp to adjourn at: 10:10 pm.

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita R. McCranie
Deputy Clerk