

London Township
Board Minutes
March 14, 2022

Call to order by Supervisor Penny Turner at 7:30 pm.

Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Penny Turner-Present, Clerk Kimberly Sharp-Present, Treasurer Lisa Moore-Absent (Late, arrived at 7:52pm.- prior to reading of the Fire Fund Disbursements) 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 presented.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

First Citizens Time:

-Dan Cable (Planning Commission Chair). Spoke of the Public Hearing held at the Planning Commission meeting on Monday March 7, 2022.

-Monroe County Sheriff Troy Goodnough spoke regarding the crime stats in London Township.

-Amanda Taepke did not feel the motion for the Building Dept. Clerk last month was properly made. Questioned the email address on the survey sent to residents.

Approval of February 14, 2022, Minutes:

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Trustee Pinkowski, to accept the February 14, 2022, Minutes as Presented.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report:

Looking for those wanting to be on the following committees.

1. 1.Beautification Committee:
2. Advisory Committee for AG Industries
3. Compensation Committee

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

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report:

None.

Clerks Report:

- No upcoming Elections.
- Secretary of State is still working on redistricting
- Township will be sending out new voter ID cards to all registered voters.
- The London Township Civics Center has several fundraisers coming up

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

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Building Department Report:

- There was a total of 14 inspections.

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

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Assessors Report:

- Finalizing Assessor values in all classes of property.
- Assessment change notices were mailed.
- Prepared for March Board of Review.
- Sent ECF and Land Values to the State for review.

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

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator Report:

None

Planning Commission Report:

-Held Public Hearing for Large Scale Solar.

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Pinkowski, to accept the Planning Commission Report.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Reading of Monthly Disbursements:

General Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Pinkowski, to approve the disbursements from the General Fund **Totaling \$23,366.35**

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

Motion Carried

Sewer Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Pinkowski, 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 ABSENT, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Clerk Sharp, to amend the agenda to include the Fire and Road Funds to the Monthly Disbursements.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Fire Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Nichols, to approve the disbursements from the Fire Fund **Totaling \$13,613.46**

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

Motion Carried

Road Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Nichols, to approve the disbursements from the Road Fund **Totaling \$30.15**

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

Motion Carried

TOTAL MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS: \$40,369.96

Unfinished Business:

1. Ditch Mowing Bids:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Clerk Sharp, to accept the bid from DK Outdoors Services for the mowing of the Township ditches, in the amount of \$18,998.00

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

Motion Carried

2. Furnace Bid:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded Treasurer Moore, to accept the bid from J&K Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$26,893.27.

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

Motion Carried

3. Township Hall Grounds Mowing:

Tabled Township mowing bids until April to gather further bids.

4. Solar Ordinance Review:

Supervisor Turner went to the solar projects near Erie, MI and Tecumseh, MI. Tecumseh was smaller and was more esthetic. She will forward pictures to the Board.

New Business:

1. Cemetery Procedure Adoption:

Review of Cemetery Procedures, this will be posted on the Township Website.

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Nichols, to adopt the London Township Cemetery Procedures.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

2. Sketch 7 Software for ZA, CE, Assessor:

Motion made by; Trustee Pinkowski, seconded by Trustee Nichols, to approve the expenditure from APEX Software (Assessing) of \$595.00 for the Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Motion Carried

3. LMR Budget Approval:

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Supervisor Turner, to approve the London Township portion of the LMR Budget in the amount of \$87,963.75 or \$7,996,70 a month for 11 months.

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

Motion Carried

4. Initiate Review of Ordinance 30 by PC:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Trustee Pinkowski, to initiate the Planning Commission to review Ordinance 1.09 for clerical errors.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

5. Spring Clean-Up Date:

Saturday April 23, 2022, will be the Township Spring Cleanup Day. Supervisor Turner obtained grants for this day. \$4,000 from EGLE for tire disposable, \$7,000 from Apex Solar for dumpsters.

6. Illegal Barn Tuttlehill Rd.:

Reviewed all correspondence regarding the illegally built barn (no permits issued) on Tuttlehill Rd. distributed to the BOT.

Motion made by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Treasurer Moore, to approve the Zoning Administrator to forward all information regarding the illegal barn to Township Attorney Kerry Bondy.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

7. Solar Ordinance Consultant:

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded Treasurer Moore, to table Solar Ordinance Consultant to gather more information from Milan Township and Trustee Pinkowski to reach out to Foster Swift Consultants.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

8. Pavilion Rental Request:

Request for renting the Pavilion was received for an event highlighting August-Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded Trustee Pinkowski, table the pavilion rental request. ~~Supervisor Turner~~ Clerk Sharp will inquire about liability information from Township Attorney Bondy.

All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

2nd Citizens time:

- Brian O'Shea of Azalia Solar spoke that they are working on site plans for a large-scale solar farm
- Resident/Property Owner, Paul Vanwasshenova Oelke Rd. has large area of standing water due to drainage on his land which is failing. Resident
- Helping disabled Veterans with their property tax for those with less than 100% disability.
- Residents spoke about property values near solar farms.
- Amanda Taepke did not want to see the Township Cleanup Day on the same day the London Twp.

Board of Trustee Comments:

Motion made by Trustee Pinkowski, seconded by Trustee Nichols, to amend last month's motion for building clerk, to hire Anita Straub at \$15.00 per hour on Tuesdays 9am.-1:00pm. not to issue permits for a period not to exceed 2 months.

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

Motion Carried

- Trustee Pinkowski attended a presentation that used the phrase "Public Comments" instead of "Citizen's Time".
- Trustee Pinkowski asked if the treasurer had a way to set up and send emails for those that have escrow accounts to receive copies of their property tax
- Treasurer Moore apologized for being late. Inquired if anyone would be attending the program on Solar at the Monroe County Community College.
- Supervisor Turner clarified the \$7,000 grant received from Apex Solar was applied for and not given as a 'bribe'

Adjournment:

Motion by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Clerk Sharp, to adjourn at: 9:00pm.
All in favor: AYE Nay 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita R. Straub
Deputy Clerk