

London Township

Board Minutes

October 12, 2020

Call to order by Supervisor Taepke 7:33 P.M.

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:

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

Unfinished Business:

#4 Greg Hughes letters

New Business:

#6 Library Agreement

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

First Citizens Time:

None

Approval of Minutes:

-William Rugenski's name was spelled wrong.

-Assessors report, Supervisor Taepke stated in his motion, it was not a motion. It was in the Assessors Report to hire a part time "assessor" not "appraiser". Deputy Clerk Straub indicated when speaking with Barry Waldron, the Assessor, he stated the title "appraiser" be on the business cards ordered and in his report for September mentions "appraiser" several times. Supervisor Taepke will talk with Barry, but stated it should say "assessor".

-Planning Commission Report should have stated "Motion for Planning Commission Report".

-LMR Cost Recovery Ordinance should have just been taken out and not stricken. Eliminate the 2nd number 3.

-Under Assessor Report it should read Resolution to Waive Penalties for non-filing not "filling".

-2nd Citizens Time Draft Minutes should state are available 8 'business' days.

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to accept the September 14, 2020 Minutes as Amended.

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report:

None

Treasurers Report:

None

Clerks Report:

-Deputy Clerk Anita Straub reported there have been over 600 Absentee Ballots sent out thus far.

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

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

Building Department Report:

-The total number of permits issued for the month was 17. Totaling \$2,514.75

-There was a total of 23 inspections.

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

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

Assessors Report:

-Appraiser conducted inspections in 4 sections of the Township, completing approximately 1 section per week.

-Postcards are being mailed to property owners regularly

-Land value and ECF calculation analysis are currently being performed for ~~2020~~ 2021

-Included in the Assessors report was an informational overview from the State regarding the Designated Assessor role and assessing reform process.

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Trustee Turner to accept the ~~Building Department~~ Assessors Report.

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator Report:

-Ponds, Extractions, and Reclamations: Township Engineer David Kubiske Inspected the following properties and found no violations of the Zoning Ordinance. Suggestions were made and acted upon.

- Neuvirth-Allison Rd.
- Alanoly-Tuttlehill Rd.
- Cross -Allison Rd,
- Kimberly-Allison Rd.
- Manty-Darling Rd.
- Runles-Ostrander Rd.
- Straub-Townsend Rd.
- Fetterly-Oelke Rd.
- Diepenhorst-Ostrander Rd.

-Complaint at Cross Extraction working on Sunday. Attorney Bondy will confirm if removal of equipment to be repaired is not regulated by the ordinance 5.604B1(1)

-Illegal Occupation of Parcels: Tuttlehill Rd. property owner seeking court judgement for eviction and agreed to remove illegal structures.

-Blight: Sino Properties, Darling Rd has agreed after being notified by the Building Inspector of fines and penalties of up to \$500 per day, have agreed to board up the property.

-Illegal Extraction. Mayer Rd. owner notified of violations and penalties. 2 stop work orders were issued and ignored. EGLE, Monroe County Road Commission, and the Monroe County Drain have been notified. An email was also sent to Township Attorney Bondy.

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

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Planning Commission Report:

None

Reading of Monthly Disbursements:

General Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the disbursements from the General Fund **Totaling \$38,810.46**

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

Motion Carried

Sewer Fund:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the disbursements from the Sewer Fund **Totaling \$88.56**

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

Motion Carried

TOTAL MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS: \$38,899.02

Unfinished Business:

1. Dangerous Buildings:

-To enforce the Dangerous Building Ordinance the Township must hire a Dangerous Buildings Hearings Officer. The recommendation from Steve Bredernitz to hire Gregory Marker at \$150 per hour, if cases do go to court, it is usually 4-5 2-5 hours per case. These fees are recoverable and can be billed back to the property owner. His resume was given to the Board. He has 21 years of experience.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to hire Gregory J Marker as the Dangerous Buildings Hearings Officer at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

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

Motion Carried

2. CES Contract (Code Enforcement Services):

-Trustee Turner had amended Code Enforcement Services contract did not have the current clerks name and she wanted the current date on the document, Supervisor Taepke was to get this to the Board several months ago, but never did. Trustee Turner had contacted Craig Strong and he had the amended contract later that day. Trustee Turner did state that the contract was signed without bringing it in front of the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to approve the CES Contract dated October 12, 2020 with the exclusion of Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Motion Carried

3. LIFE Contract (Living Independence for Everyone-Senior Side of Township Hall):

-Trustee Turner also had the contract with LIFE corrected. There was a paragraph not numbered correctly again this contract was signed without the Board seeing it first before signing.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the LIFE contract.

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

Motion Carried

4. Greg Hughes Letters:

Maintenance Man Greg Hughes had several items he would like addressed.

1. Stumps on Tuttlehill Rd that were to be taken out by the Monroe County Drain Commission in 2019 and has yet not been done. Deputy Clerk Straub stated that she has had a multitude of calls with the MCDC starting September 12, 2019 with the last call today. Replies are “It will be done soon”.
2. Tires are piling up behind the pavilion.
-The Township did not have clean up days this year due to the covid-19 pandemic.
3. Septic Tanks are failing.
-Supervisor Taepke stated he did not know about this issue
4. People are driving on septic fields.
-Supervisor Taepke will talk with Greg about this.
5. Stone needed at the London Cemetery on Plank Rd. (both sides).
-Trustee Werstein will be able to haul and dump the stone and the Sexton (Jonathon Vesper) can spread it out.
6. The Hall roof has had several leaks and needs replacement: This is addressed under New Business #1.
7. Asbestos in the boiler room.

New Business:

1. Roofing Bids:

-3 Bids were discussed. Bloom Roofing (Tapered Non-Ballast system), Watts Roofing (Non-Ballast system) and Morawski Second Generation Roofing (ballast system).

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to obtain a quote from Morawski for comparable quote that includes 5 inches of insulation and fully adhered ~~ECDM~~ EDPM 60 mil.

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

2. London Civic Center:

-Letter read from the London Civic Center 11983 Tuttlehill Rd. Milan, MI 48160 a Non-profit 503 (C)3 organization benefiting the Township Residents with many free events i.e. Children’s Parties, food pantry. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic they were not able to hold events and are supported by donations. Anyone willing to donate may contact Ann Hunt annhunt77@gmail.com 734-439-2218 or cell 734-645-8529.

3. Zoom Meetings:

-Due to the Covid-19 pandemic many municipalities are relying on Zoom type meetings. Resident Mike Pinkowski informed the Board that he would donate a 1-year subscription to Zoom in case it was needed. It was further discussed if the Township should pay for a

subscription. Supervisor Taepke indicated at this time after taking advice from the Township Attorney that at the present time the Township does not need this service due to still needing a quorum physically present at the meeting.

Motion made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to table for further discussion with Attorney Bondy.

All in favor: **AYE**.

Motion Carried

4. -ZA/CE Raise:

-Letter was read from Ron Youngblood-Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) requesting a raise in pay from \$15.00 to \$18.00 stating all the progress and positive progression towards residents becoming ~~complement~~ compliant in the Township in the 2+ years he has been employed by the Township.

Motion made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Werstein to increase the ZA/CEO hourly rate from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour.

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

Motion Failed

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to increase the ZA/CEO hourly rate \$1.00 an, hour from \$15.00 to \$16.00 per hour.

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

Motion Carried

5. Pool Cemetery-Tree:

-The Pool (Raleighville) Cemetery on Townsend Rd. (between Darling Rd. and Borso Dr.) has a large oak tree that is a danger hazard. There is a resident on Zeiman Rd. that has done this in the past,

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to obtain a quote for the removal of the tree.

All in favor: **AYE**.

Motion Carried

6. Library Agreement:

-Supervisor Taepke stated the Monroe County Library System sent him an email (though he stated he never seen it) the Maybee Library Agreement of approximately \$3,000 per year was never signed.

Motion made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to approve the Monroe County Library System for the Maybee Library ~~Agreement~~.

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

Motion Carried

2nd Citizens time:

- Mike Pinkowski wished all those running for office in November Good Luck.
- Barbara Henley thanked everyone that participated in the Fish/Chicken Fry at the London Civic Center. Invited everyone to their meetings the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Looking for members and helping hands.
- Jon Turner asked what we are going to do with the business cards should state ‘appraiser’ or ‘assessor’ for the part time help for the Assessor. Supervisor Taepke said it can stay appraiser if that is what the Assessor wanted.
- Daryl Howard said they may want to get a county engineer to look at the roof if it will exceed \$50,000.

Board of Trustee Comments:

- Trustee Turner:
 - Asked about the NSF Resolution being removed from last months agenda. Per Treasurer Beauchamp is complete and will be on next month’s agenda
 - Assessor Late Fee Penalty Resolution, Supervisor Taepke to follow up.
 - Cemetery Resolution, Clerk Sharp was checking with Attorney Bondy.
 - Furnace quotes Treasurer Beauchamp had the information, but will have to get again as the paper is missing from her folder.
 - Questioned if the fire billing binder has been found, due to the election the Clerk’s Department has not had time to look for it.
 - Cameras was curious to know who has access that is not yet known.
 - Hall/Pavilion Rental still looking into ways to not disrupt the neighbors as the last time it was used the neighbors had trespassing issues. The neighbors would like a fence between his and the Township property.
 - She thanked Barbara Henley for inviting her to her church to speak the day before.

Adjournment:

Motion made by; Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to adjourn at: **9:30 P.M.**

All in favor: **AYE**.

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita R. Straub
Deputy Clerk

