

London Township
Board Minutes
September 14, 2020

Call to order by Supervisor Taepke: 7:31 PM
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

New Business:
#3 ZA Letter, Stricken

Unfinished Business:
#2 Hall/Pavilion Rental, Stricken
#3 NSF Resolution, Stricken

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to accept the agenda as amended.

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

First Citizens Time:

- William ~~Ruginski~~ Rugenskistated his disapproval of a social media post made by Supervisor Taepke said it was discussed at the last BOT meeting.
- Mike Pinkowski asked if ditch mowing was done as it does not look like the corner of Tuttlehill Rd. and Ostrander Rd. was done.
- Barbara Henley had an issue with cutting of Tuttlehill Rd mowing ditches and she called the MCRC, they came out the next day.
- Treasurer Beauchamp will call the Monroe County Road Commission

Approval of Minutes:

-Treasurer Beauchamp stated under the Planning Commission report that “nursery” was not in the motion. Supervisor Taepke stated if it was in the report it should be ok.

-Supervisor Taepke amended the following:

-Under approval of the July 13, 2020 minutes; strike out Approval of the June Minutes as it was done in August.

-Treasurers Report should state the Water Account will be closed after the completion of the 2019 audit. There is one check outstanding for \$561.00 to a resident that has passed away.

-Clerks report date of Election was August 4, 2020 not August 10, 2020.

-Under motion made by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp *Assessor Report* the part time ~~appraiser~~ Assessor hours will not exceed 16 hours per week.

-Under Zoning Administrator Report, Administrator is spelled wrong in 2 places, as was the word ponds.

- *Motion for Planning Commission Report* should be Planning Commissioner’s Report.

-LMR Cost Recovery Ordinance should be stricken as it was discussed in the LMR Budget.

-In motion for Approval of Fire Charges Ordinance the word Raisinville should be stricken.

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept the August 10, 2020 Minutes as amended.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report:

None

Treasurers Report:

-Today was the last day to pay summer taxes without interest and penalties.
-2 CD's moved to the Monroe County Community Credit Union with a 1.04% interest rate. 1 CD is still at First Merchants Bank with an 1.5% interest rate.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept the Treasures Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Clerks Report:

-Still looking for Election workers.
-There is a drop box outside and inside for Absentee Ballots.

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

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Building Department Report:

-2 building permits were for new homes, 3 were for new barns
-28 Inspections

The total number of permits issued in the month of August 2020 were 11. Totaling **\$ 5,678.88**

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept the Building Department Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Assessor Report:

-Postcards are being mailed to let residents know that field work is being done by the new part time appraiser Assessor. The work will finish one section per week. He will carry Township ID and will be wearing a yellow vest.

Commented [KS1]: Incomplete Sentence

-Sketching Program has been updated to help meet new state standardized CAMA code.

-Resolution to Waive Penalties for ~~non-filing~~ non-filing of Property Transfer Affidavits under MCL 211.27b was presented as the State recommends. London township has no formal resolution to charge the penalty when a property sells/transfers and is submitted late. Property Transfer Affidavit must be submitted to the Assessor within 45 days of closing. It is up to each jurisdiction to charge a late fee or penalty of \$5 per day up to \$200.

-Supervisor Taepke will email this Resolution to the Township Attorney.

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

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator Report:

-All active Ponds, Extractions and Reclamations had unannounced inspections. No violations found

-One complaint of trucks arriving 30 minutes prior to 7:00am, but no loading or unloading until 7:00am.

-Allison Rd. Neuvirth Extraction was not completed by promised date of August 31, 2020. Contractor John Zola was not aware of this promise. The project was reclaimed within a few days and will be inspected by the Township Engineer David Kubiske.

-All active Ponds, Extractions and Reclamations will be inspected by Township Engineer by November 1, 2020.

-Three complaints of trucks not following truck route, found to be for a 2-day project in Augusta Township for Washtenaw County.

-Complaints of dust on Allison Rd. MCRC contacted and dust control was done.

-Illegal occupation of parcel on Tuttlehill Rd. property owner submitted complaint to District Court of Monroe and waiting on a court date.

-Two letters sent out for unpermitted structures, fences and dwelling in campers on Townsend Rd. One has obtained a building permit to build a new home. The other

agreed to have plans submitted and approved by the Building Inspector before October 1, 2020 with the understanding that the matter will be forwarded to the Township Attorney if not done.

-Darling Rd. homeowner turned his house into a duplex (multiple family dwelling) not permitted in that zoning district. Homeowner signed an agreement to return the home to a single-family dwelling and has also agreed to 2 inspections a year by the ZA.

-Blight, most violations have been cleaned or are in the process of being cleaned.

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 Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the disbursements from the General Fund **Totaling \$71,931.97**

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **EXCUSED**, Trustee Turner **EXCUSED**, 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 \$3,360.00**

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

Motion Carried

TOTAL MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS: \$\$75,291.97

Unfinished Business:

1. LMR Fire Chief Nash/Milan Fire Chief Stevens:

- Each Chief was there to explain their billing practices.
- Chief Nash explained the LMR Cost Recovery Ordinance within the LMR Budget passed last month that the LMR Fire Department will bill non-Monroe County residents for runs and county resident's the LMR FD will bill insurance companies. Most of the time the insurance companies will pay the homeowner directly and they may or may not pay the LMR FD. If there is a structure fire and the insurance company does not pay the LMR FD they will not bill the residents. Clerk Sharp mentioned that the LMR FD. when billing the insurance companies can request that a check be made to both parties. Chief Nash will investigate as that is the way they bill DTE if it is not a car accident.
- Chief Stevens stated that all runs are billed to the Township and it is up to the Township to bill accordingly.
- Supervisor Taepke stated this was done in the past, but was very time consuming.
- Treasurer Beauchamp was worried about the senior citizens being affected by this and asked Clerk Sharp and Deputy Clerk Anita Straub to look for a file that should be there from 2009 that stated the fire charges were adopted.
- The cost is included in the Milan Fire Department Millage; this would be for non-residents.

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

Motion Carried

New Business:

1. Election Budget

- Clerk Sharp asked for a \$3,000 budget for the November 3, 2020 election that will be reimbursed by the State.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the November 3, 2020 Election Budget of \$3,000.

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

Motion Carried

2. AG Industry Stone:

-Supervisor Taepke talked with AG Industry to get smaller trucks into the London Cemetery. Clerk Sharp talked with Trustee Werstein he can bring the stone in but cannot spread it. Sexton Jonathon Vesper may have the equipment. Treasurer Beauchamp will talk with the Sexton.

2nd Citizens time:

-Joanne Darling asked when political signs can be put out on lawns. In the County it is October 3, 2020, but London Township has no Ordinance.
-Barbara Henley had questions on when Draft Minutes are approved. It will be done at the next BOT meeting. Drafts are available 8 *business* days after the meeting.

Board of Trustee Comments:

- Treasurer Beauchamp had stated that the last time the pavilion was rented that the neighbors were affected and that the police had been called due to trespassing on to their property and were quite loud.

Adjournment:

Motion made by; Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adjourn at: 8:28 PM.

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita R. McCranie

Deputy Clerk

