

LONDON TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting

October 8, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Taepke at 7:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Supervisor Gary Taepke – Present, Treasurer Melissa Beauchamp – Present, Clerk Lisa Francis – Present, Trustee Richard Horn – Present, Trustee Roger Werstein – Present

Approval of the Agenda- Amended to add Medical Marijuana under New Business.

Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried.

1st Citizen's Time:

Resident comment to Supervisor Taepke, Election paper, Honor, Respect, Integrity.

Respect all Residents.

Resident Question- Question to why the medical marijuana paperwork was given to the Board at the meeting and not given to the Board by the secretary.

Resident concern- Trucks going into London Sand for fill operation from 275. Supervisor Taepke stated the last he knew they were coming from U of m and will contact Mark Brant.

Resident Question- To Supervisor Taepke why attorney fees were \$400.00 from the previous Board and are now up to \$18,000. Supervisor Taepke states that number is incorrect and the resident said the number came from paperwork that was a FOIA.

Resident Concern- Resident asked why he has received 3 letters saying he will be sued yet no action was taken, also is concerned why Supervisor Taepke is wasting tax payer money on lawyer fees.

Supervisor Taepke refused to answer the resident's question during citizen's time.

Resident Concern- Trucks going into London Sand/Crystal Water, resident was told they had a permit.

Resident came into the Township Hall and no permit was found by the building secretary in the computer.

Explanation on a previous to issue a fill permit by the ZA and the permit was issued, but no record of it was found. Supervisor Taepke will pursue the issue further.

Approval of the Minutes:

Corrections noted to change wording to allow a surety bond as a form of a performance bond/guarantee.

Removal of Motion to approve the water and sewer fund totaling \$0.00.

Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Clerk Francis to Amend and approve the minutes from the September 10, 2018 Board Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Supervisor's Report- None

Treasurer's Report- None

Clerk's Report-

AV Ballots were to be sent out on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Last day to register to Vote is Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Information is provided in the lobby of the Township Hall.

Motion by Treasurer Beauchamp and seconded by Supervisor Taepke to accept the Clerk's Report.

Motion Carried.

Building Report – None

Planning Commission Report-

Tabled Article 12 and excavation to work on the Medical Marijuana Resolution.

Motion by Treasurer Beauchamp and seconded by Clerk Francis to accept the Planning Commission Report.

Motion Carried.

Reading of the Monthly Disbursements-

Motion by Clerk Francis and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the disbursements from the General Fund Totaling \$54,778.07.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke-Yes, Treasurer Beauchamp- Yes, Trustee Horn- Yes, Trustee Werstein- Yes, Clerk Francis - Yes.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the disbursement from the Sewer Fund totaling \$88.56.

Roll Call: Treasurer Beauchamp-Yes, Trustee Horn- Yes, Supervisor Taepke- Yes, Trustee Werstein- Yes, Clerk Francis- Yes.

Motion Carried.

Total Expenses: \$54,866.63

Old business-

Hiring of building secretary-

Three resumes were received. One of the three applicants were present. It was asked if Amanda Taepke would like to be considered. New information has come to light but Amanda said she would do it. Amanda said she has a lot of projects going on under her title of Deputy Supervisor and that is why she didn't want to stop doing it. She does a lot of her Planning Commission work under the Deputy Supervisor title. All of her work is combined under 1 title. Clerk Francis spoke with MTA and was told it was unethical for 1 person to hold to many positions in our township. Clerk Francis gave this information to Supervisor Taepke and Deputy Supervisor Taepke. Supervisor Taepke spoke with our attorney and was told that it is illegal for the Deputy Supervisor Taepke to hold her current position as Deputy and Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission and be employed as the building secretary. Deputy Supervisor Taepke stated that she would drop the Deputy Supervisor position understanding it can't be done but wants to stay on the PC as an assistant PC secretary so she can receive payment for doing extra work for the planning commission as well. Supervisor Taepke addresses the Board for clarification that the Deputy Supervisor's job with the PC has already existed and there are provisions in the PC Bylaws to allow the hiring of an assistant secretary for additional work such as meeting minutes, packets, etc.

Gary Lazette has been employed with London Township for 3.5 years and stated that he works for other municipalities and has never had to go through 5 building secretaries. Concerned that residents and contractors are waiting to long for permits.

Citizen question to Mr. Lazette on who is to fill in for the secretary position when it is vacant, answer was noone.

Citizen comment if we have had five people come through here maybe we should look at the man in the mirror.

Citizen concern on why the Supervisor Taepke would not fill in to take care of permits. Supervisor Taepke said he would not do that position.

Gary Lazette addresses the Board and asks that we give serious consideration to the rehire of Stacy Cleggett.

Motion by Trustee Werstein and seconded by Clerk Francis to hire Stacy Cleggett as building secretary.

Roll Call: Treasurer Beauchamp, Yes, Trustee Werstein, Yes, Clerk Francis, Yes, Trustee Horn, Yes, Supervisor Taepke, Abstain.

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Assistant Assessor:

Explanation by Supervisor Taepke to the residents of the previous assessor's failure of the AMAR review. His action plan was either inadequate or nonexistent. Our new assessor Robert Brazeau has submitted a new corrective action plan to the State. The Building department and assessing departments have not been working together for a decade or more. State has found houses and buildings that are not on our tax rolls. First course of action to fix this problem is the hiring of the new assessor. A review of every parcel in the township. All parcels must be reassessed. Deadline for this is the end of 2020. Barry Wauldron to be considered as assistant assessor at the rate of \$20.00/ hour. He is going to go out and fix the problem so we don't have the state take over our tax rolls. Budget for the assistant assessor for this fiscal year is suggested to be \$4,500. Budget for the next fiscal year to be determined in the next fiscal year.

Statement by resident that we need to let this be done because we do not want the state taking over our tax roll.

Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to amend the 2018-2019 budget for the Assessing Department of \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Roll Call: Supervisor Teapke, Yes, Treasurer Beauchamp, Yes, Trustee Horn, Yes, Trustee Werstein, Yes, Clerk Francis, Yes.

Motion Carried.

Medical Marijuana:

Medical Marijuana Resolution from the Planning Commission given to the Board for review so we can have a Resolution saying we opted out of the Medical Marijuana Act.

Motion by Trustee Horn and seconded by Supervisor Taepke to create Resolution 2018-10, opting out of the Medical Marijuana Act.

Roll Call: Supervisor Taepke, Yes, Trustee Horn, Yes, Treasurer Beauchamp, Yes, Trustee Werstein, Yes, Clerk Francis, Yes.

Resolution is Declared and Adopted.

Second Citizen's Time:

Concerns if resident's will receive notification of when the assistant assessor will be on their property and will this raise our taxes. Explanation of what the assistant assessor is looking for.

Roads- Question about when Oakville-Waltz road will be done, it has been pushed back until 2019.

Resident Question- Ostrander re-pavement, residents have been told to contact the Monroe County Road Commission.

Resident Question- Why is the Planning Commission not paying more to the Planning Commission Secretary to take the minutes so another person isn't needed to take the minutes.

Resident Comment- Planning Commission minutes have not contained enough information, asked that more detailed minutes be done. More elaboration will be given by the PC Recording Secretary.

Resident question- Zoning Administrator pay and why it is so high, ZA is doing his job and the pay has stayed stable per previous ZA's.

Resident Question- Clerk's Deputy name given, Kevin Heath, hours have only been 9 total in the last 2 months.

Resident's comment- Clerk Francis is actually doing her job.

Resident Comments- Thanks from residents on hiring back Stacy Cleggett as Building Secretary.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Taepke and seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Lisa Marie Francis
Clerk London Township