

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisor Maier, Clerk Bater, Treasurer Havens, Trustee McKenzie and Trustee Laier. Also present were several residents and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to amend the agenda, adding to New Business Consideration of a 2% Increase for Lima Township Hourly and Appointed Wage Earners, and approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL MINUTES: Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 8, 2016 with one correction to the Zoning Ordinance – Cemeteries title. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Randy Clark spoke on running for the District 52nd Michigan House Representative. Trinh Pifer gave the Township Board an overview of the Chelsea Senior Center.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Havens reported that 88 property tax accounts were turned over to the county as delinquent. Report received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Park Amendment: The Board revisited the proposed ordinance amendment to permit dog parks in Lima Township. Resolution #2015-006 was offered by McKenzie, supported by Laier to approve Application #2016-002 dated 2/9/16 as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance allowing dog parks as a special use in AG-1, AG-2 and RR, it was properly noticed, the Township Planning Commission held two public hearings, and recommendations were received from the Township Planning Consultant. A complete copy is on file in the Lima Township Office. Ayes: Laier, Bater, Maier, McKenzie, Havens. Nays: None. Absent or abstain: None. Supervisor Declared Resolution Adopted.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Cemeteries: Supervisor Maier offered an explanation as to why this change was necessary. The word "Private" is added to the ordinance to have regulations for cemeteries both public and private. This would also allow the Township the option of letting cemeteries be owned by entities such as churches. The change is necessary because the State of Michigan has confusing language regarding what is a private or a public cemetery and the rules that govern them. Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to table Application #2016-003 regarding clarifying and amending zoning ordinance - Cemeteries until the Board receives the complete proposed language. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chelsea Senior Center Request: Motion by Maier, supported by Trustee Laier for Lima Township to pay the Chelsea Senior Center, for services rendered to Lima Township Residents, in the amount of \$2,000.00 in fiscal year 2016-17. Motion carried. Supervisor Maier requested The Chelsea Senior Center to please forward an invoice to Lima Township for \$2,000.00.

Proposed 2% (.02) Wage Increase for Lima Township Hourly and Appointed Staff: Motion by Maier, supported by Laier to provide a two percent (.02%) increase for all Lima Township hourly and appointed wage earners - Secretary, Zoning Administrator, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Election Officials, Board and Commission members. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Laier, supported by McKenzie to pay invoices as presented and all other invoices as necessary. Motion carried.

Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
3/14/2016	MERS	CUSTOMER 811201 EMP RETIRE PLAN	867.57
3/14/2016	SEMCOG	2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES LIMA TWP.	747.00
3/14/2016	GOVERNMENTAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	FED. ELEC. SUPPLIES	65.59
3/14/2016	MICHIGAN ELECTION RESOURCES	Q.V.F. VOTER I.D. AND M.C. SUPPLIES	43.46
3/14/2016	CORRIGAN OIL CO. NO.II	HEATING FUEL DEL 2/26/16	304.58
3/14/2016	TOM CAPLIS	FEB WAGES-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	345.80
3/14/2016	ABRASIVE FINISHING	RECYCLE BIN SNOW REMOV 2/24 & 2/25/16	50.00
3/14/2016	CRAIG MAIER	STAIR TAPE FOR HALL - MENARDS	47.63
3/14/2016	ELAINE BATER	DYMO LABELWRITERS/SUPPLIES	349.74
3/14/2016	DONALD LAIER	WAGES MAR 2016	253.05
3/14/2016	GREGORY MCKENZIE	WAGES MAR 2016	253.05
3/14/2016	CRAIG MAIER	WAGES MAR 2016	2,216.95
3/14/2016	ELAINE BATER	WAGES MAR 2016	2,216.95
3/14/2016	NANETTE HAVENS	WAGES MAR 2016	2,216.95
3/14/2016	ELSE HELLER	SECRETARY FEB WAGES \$6.78 POST REIMB.	911.47
3/14/2016	CARLISLE/WORTMAN	PLANNING/ZONING GEN. CONSULTATION JAN 2016	895.00
3/14/2016	CARLISLE/WORTMAN	REDDEMAN FARM MULTI CONSULTATIONS	747.50
3/14/2016	CARLISLE/WORTMAN	VTKJ PROPERTIES MULTI CONSULTATIONS	520.00
3/14/2016	DECKER AGENCY	PUBLIC ENTITY INSURANCE PACKAGE	14,132.00
3/14/2016	TANYA STRONG	DEPUTY CLERK WAGES FEB 2016	151.64
3/14/2016	KCI	ASSESSMENT NOTICES MAILING SERVICE-POSTAGE	407.89
3/14/2016	MARY ANN WESNER	CO-CH ELEC 3/8/16 WAGES,TRNING,TSTING,SETUP	433.38
3/14/2016	BETTY ROBBINS	CO-CH ELEC 3/8/16 WAGES, TRNING, SETUP	362.88
3/14/2016	ELSE HELLER	ELEC 3/8/16 WAGES, TRNING & SETUP	264.38
3/14/2016	BETTY STOFFER	ELEC 3/8/16 WAGES, TRNING & SETUP	264.38
3/14/2016	ARLYS SPINK	ELEC 3/8/16 WAGES, TRNING & SETUP	264.38
3/14/2016	TANYA STRONG	ELEC 3/8/16 WAGES, TRNING & SETUP	258.50
3/14/2016	JANET ADAMS	ELEC 3/8/16 WAGES, TRNING & SETUP	258.50
3/14/2016	THE COMPUTER SOURCE	ELEC HP LAP-TOP BATTERY REPLACEMENT	79.00
3/14/2016	ABRASIVE FINISHING	RECYCLE BIN SNOW REMOV 3/2	25.00
3/14/2016	ABRASIVE FINISHING	RECYCLE BIN SNOW REMOV 3/4	25.00
3/14/2016	CHRIS RENIUS	ASSESSING CONT. 2/16/16 - 03/15/16	1,950.00
3/14/2016	CHARLOTTE SCHAUER	MARCH OFFICE CLEANING	166.23
3/14/2016	CHELSEA AREA CONTRUCTION AGENCY	MARCH LEASE \$1046.45 INTERNET \$30	1,076.45
3/14/2016	ELAINE BATER	MARCH ELECTION POSTAGE REIMB.	59.72
3/14/2016	CRAIG MAIER	REIMB FOR A-1 RENTAL - ELECTION	22.79
3/14/2016	DTE ENERGY	251216900018 ELEC - HALL	53.92
3/14/2016	THE SUN TIMES	MARCH BD OF REVIEW NOTICE	84.00
3/14/2016	THE SUN TIMES	BUDG MTG, BD OF REV, FEB MTG	196.00
3/14/2016	THE SUN TIMES	ELECTION NOTICE	34.13
3/14/2016	MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	VARGO GOLF REVIEW/CALLS	325.00
3/14/2016	MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	GENERAL	62.50
3/17/2016	MARY TOBIN	MAR BOR 14.75HRS.& 5HRS.TRNING	276.50
3/17/2016	MARLENE CONSIGLIO	MAR BOR 14HRS.& 5HRS.TRNING	266.00
3/17/2016	RONALD HOWDYSHHELL	MAR BOR 14HRS.& 5HRS.TRNING	266.00
3/17/2016	ARCHIE BRADBURY	MAR BOR 14HRS.	196.00
3/17/2016	A T & T	OFFICE PHONES 734475224601	203.89
3/17/2016	MARLENE CONSIGLIO	PC CHAIR 12/28,1/25/16, 2/22@ \$115	318.61
3/17/2016	WILLIAM COLTRE	PC 12/28,1/25/16,2/22 @\$85 EACH	235.49
3/17/2016	EDWIN GREENLEAF	PC 12/28, 1/25/16, 2/22 @\$85 EACH	235.49
3/21/2016	NANETTE HAVENS	PC 12/28, 1/25/16, 2/22 @\$85 EACH	238.55

3/17/2016	KENNETH PRIELIPP, SR.	PC 12/28, 1/25/16, 2/22 @\$85 EACH	235.49
3/17/2016	ELIZABETH SENSOLI	PC 12/28 & 2/22 @\$85 EACH	156.99
3/17/2016	HOWARD SIAS	PC 12/28, 1/25/16, 2/22 @\$85 EACH	235.49
3/25/2016	United State Treasury	38-2165631 Form 941 1st QTR 2016	1,315.21
3/25/2016	CARLISLE/WORTMAN	DRAIN TILE ORDINANCE	425.00
3/25/2016	CARLISLE/WORTMAN	GENERAL CONSULTATION/MTG, DOG PK, CEM	595.00
3/25/2016	CARLISLE/WORTMAN	REDDEMAN FARM SPECIAL USE	382.50
3/25/2016	CARLISLE/WORTMAN	VTKJ PROPERTIES SPECIAL USE	85.00
3/25/2016	MERS	CUSTOMER 811201 EMP RETIRE PLAN - SEPT CORR.	18.50
3/30/2016	NANETTE HAVENS	TWP. HALL CHAIRS (8) AND POSTAGE REIMB	563.10
3/30/2016	CRAIG MAIER	ELEC. POSTS, BASES, ROPES	451.90
		TOTAL	\$40,710.67

CORRESPONDENCE:

Arlene Bareis: The Board received a very nice thank you note from Arlene Bareis, former Clerk of 38 years. She was very thankful for her time working for Lima Township, and the party and flowers that she received at the time of her retirement. Arlene will be greatly missed.

Rover Pipeline Meetings: The meeting was announced to be held at the Washington Street Education Center however, it will actually be held at the Chelsea High School across the street.

REPORTS:

Zoning Report: Tom Caplis

- 9 new homes
- 1 deck
- 3 violation enforcements

CACA: Greg McKenzie

- A meeting is scheduled next week to finalize the budget.
- There are two possible lease options for the lower level of the building. One is WAVE (Governmental/non-taxable entity) and the other is Rural Reach (internet service provider). Rural Reach as tenants could bring benefits to the community of Lima Township, but it could also bring up a taxable event question.
- A sub-committee will need to be appointed to look at the parking lot and the site plan, get bids and do whatever is needed to move forward.

Capital Improvements: Ed GreenLeaf

- Another meeting is scheduled for next week on the 21st.

Cemeteries: Ed GreenLeaf

- Tree fell across the Lima Center Cemetery drive.

Chelsea District Library: Elizabeth Sensoli (was not able to attend – Maier read e-mail report)

- Michigan and the Civil War Exhibit continues
- Meet the Authors 6:30-8:00pm 3/30/16 at the WSES.

Lima Township Planning Commission: Nanette Havens

- After the sub-committee considered the special use permit revisions the new owners of Reddeman’s Farm brought back additions to the agreed upon conditions. They wanted to schedule a meet and greet with the neighbors on Dancer Road which they did on 3/9/16.
- The Public Hearing regarding Reddeman’s Farm is scheduled for 3/28/16.
- The Planning Consultant had been asked to research and draft a drain tile systems ordinance which has been received.

WWRA: Nanette Havens

- Because of bad weather and no quorum at the meetings there were no decisions made. The existing staff is still co-managing the facility. At next month’s meeting a decision may be made on who will manage the facility.

WAVE: (Arlene Bareis was absent)

- The next meeting is March 22, 2016. Greg McKenzie will attend in Arlene's place or if she attends Greg will go as the CACA representative.

Clerk's Report: Elaine Bater

- The County did re-count the Township's ballots from the Primary Election, but the count was fine other than one ripped and one smudged ballot.
- Lima Township's State Primary Election is now being audited (chosen by random selection) on 4/5/16.
- The Clerk is planning for the next three elections.
- Lima Township has one e-poll book, but the Clerk is hoping to petition the Board of Elections to be able to get a second computer before November.

Supervisor's Reports: Craig Maier

- There were two CAFA promotions: Scott Basar and William Regnier.
- A thank you note from Scott Basar was read out loud.
- CAFA is starting the process of laying off one firefighter.
- An additional millage request to the public does not look like a good option with so many millage requests currently.
- Reddeman Farms has made some minor tweaks to the proposed conditions of their Special Use Permit request and the process continues to move along. The hope is to come to a finale resolution in April.
- Attended a meeting at Thornton Farms with their engineering & DEQ staff at their waste water treatment plant. They are having some problems meeting their phosphorus discharge levels.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A question was asked to the Clerk if she had anything to point out about the Township Hall – good or bad in regards to the past election on 3/8/16. The answer was that the hall seemed small and there is concern that when Lima Township does become two precincts the hall will not be adequate. Also, the basement is wasted space that has no useful purpose since it is too cold for people to work in and too musty for storage. There was much discussion on the possibility of getting a second E- Poll book computer before the November election.

Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Bater, Lima Township Clerk