

**LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Lima Township Hall**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

7:00 PM by Craig Maier  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Board members present:** Supervisor Craig Maier, Clerk Elaine Bater, Treasurer Nanette Havens, and Trustees Donald Laier and Duane Luick.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**Laier moved/seconded by Luick: Motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed**

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**Laier moved/seconded by Luick: Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 14, 2019 as presented. Motion passed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Andrew Zeigler commended on McKinley Road maintenance and provided the Board with a printed handout.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: October Report submitted by Treasurer, Nanette Havens**

TREASURER'S REPORT	October 31, 2019
Beginning Balance CSB	\$ 30,290.49
Deposits	17,306.76
Transfer from Money Market	50,000.00
Payroll - October	(8,646.53)
Accounts Payable - October	(30,840.79)
<b>CSB Checking Balance (.1% int.)</b>	<b>58,109.93</b>
Non-Maturing CD's	657,484.61
<b>Total CSB Checking &amp; CD's</b>	<b>715,594.54</b>
CSB Money Market	281,905.80
Transfer to General Fund	(50,000.00)
Monthly Interest (.25%)	54.03
<b>Total CSB Money Market</b>	<b>231,959.83</b>
Flagstar/Thornton Farms	254,255.04
Thornton Farms - Monthly Interest (.25%)	64.78
<b>Total Flagstar Checking</b>	<b>254,319.82</b>
<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>947,554.37</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,201,874.19</b>

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Up-date on N. Lima Township Hall:** No update.

W. Hersey Lane, a private road, was discussed regarding upgrading the road to fire code and township standards before new owners are allowed to build on the properties. The board took no official action.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval of 2020 Meeting Dates – **Moved by Laier/seconded by Luick to approve the Lima Township 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates as presented. Motion passed**

JANUARY 13, 2020  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
MARCH 9, 2020\*  
APRIL 13, 2020

MAY 11, 2020  
JUNE 8, 2020  
JULY 13, 2020  
AUGUST 10, 2020

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020  
OCTOBER 12, 2020  
NOVEMBER 9, 2020  
DECEMBER 14, 2020

\*Also fiscal budget meeting

Commercial Lease Agreement for \$1/Year– Chelsea Area Fire Authority – Postponed

Residential Lease Agreement — **Moved by Luick, supported by Laier to approve the Residential Lease Agreement as presented for 11506 Jackson Road with a \$25/month rent increase for a total monthly rent of \$875.00/month. Motion passed**

**Resolution #2019-13 Support for Washtenaw County Road Commission**

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) has served townships in Washtenaw County for 100 years, and despite being chronically underfunded by the State of Michigan for over two decades, the WCRC has utilized revenues to plan, build and maintain the county road system; and

WHEREAS, there is now an effort to review folding the WCRC into a county department by resolution of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Lima Township has historically benefitted from the current relationship with the WCRC precisely because the organization is based on engineering principles and not political demands from local leaders; and

WHEREAS, it will be unfair to elected county commissioners that represent cities to decide infrastructure decisions which primarily affect townships. This has the potential to create divisions between the county and the townships reminiscent of the police services lawsuit; and,

WHEREAS, while MCL 224.6(7) has been the law for years, there has been no serious county planning or financial analysis, that included townships, to evaluate whether making the WCRC a county department is feasible, desirable or will result in improvements or cost savings; and it would be bad policy to absorb the WCRC without extensive analysis and collaboration with townships, MDOT, and other transportation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Lima Township appropriates over an hundred thousand dollars per year from township general fund sources for road improvements. A county commission takeover of the roads will result in political demands upon the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to pay for local road improvements in townships with county funds from townships that have failed to adequately plan financially for expensive infrastructure improvements, thus transferring local financial problems and hardships to the county with potential financial consequences similar to the Sylvan Township sewer debt.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lima Township asserts that the current road commission structure of government is the one most likely to administer highway funds in a fair and consistent manner, and which will require each township to carefully rely on its own financial wherewithal to meet local road improvement projects in their own jurisdiction over and above the projects funded by Public Act 51 and federal highway administration sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board urges the Washtenaw County Board of Commissions to recognize the unique services required by rural townships and preserve the existing knowledge base, high level of professional expertise, and efficient organizational structure of the Washtenaw County Road Commission. The above resolution was offer by Trustee Laier and supported by Clerk Bater at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee, November 12, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes – Luick, Laier, Bater, Maier  
Nays - Havens  
Absent – None

Resolution declared adopted

Lima Township Map Tapestry Restoration – It was discussed by the Board on how best to preserve and restore the tapestry, created in 1976, that currently hangs in the Township hall. More information is needed on who can do the type of work needed to restore the piece. Postponed – The Board took no official action.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$14,404.62

PAYROLL: \$11,092.05

**Moved by Laier supported by Luick to approve the Lima Township 11/12/2019 Consent Agenda with an approximately \$250.00 additional payment. Motion passed.**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 11/12/2019		Amount
ABRASIVE FINISHING	RECYC.BIN SNO REMOV 11/11/19 - 11/12/19	50.00
B S & A SOFTWARE	AP & GL ANNUAL SERV/SUPP CONT.11/1/19-11/1/20	910.00
BETTY ROBBINS	OFFICE & HALL CLEANING OCT. 2019	96.00
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	8925 JACKSON REZONE - SEPT, 2019	450.00
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	GENERAL CONSULTING - SEPT, 2019	1,485.00
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	WOLF REZONING - SEPT, 2019	1,622.50
CHELSEA AREA CONSTRUCTION AGENCY	NOV OFFICE LEASE	1,046.45
COMCAST BUSINESS	8529 10 221 0105382 INTERNET & CABLE TV	178.18
DTE ENERGY	9100 105 6532 3 ELEC - TWP HALL	54.66
IVS COMM	OCT 2019 OFFICE PHONES #7344752246	87.50
MENARDS - ANN ARBOR	ACCT#33220257 OFFICE & HALL MAINT SUPPLIES	46.76
MERS - WEBPMT0000094901	INVOICE 99929-2, 10/2019 EMPLOY. RETIREMENT	1,055.38
MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	GENERAL WORK - OCT, 2019	468.75
MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	CLAPPERTON MATTER - OCT, 2019	556.25
MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION	2019 MTA ON THE RD DUANE LUICK	136.00
MIDWESTERN CONSULTING LLC	WOLF DEVELOPMENT - FREER RD. THRU 10/24/19	1,551.00
NANETTE HAVENS	WINTER TAX BILL POSTAGE	1,067.00
RENIUS & RENIUS	ASSESSOR SERVICES OCT, 2019	2,454.79
THE SUN TIMES	PUB NOTICE PLAN COM. 10/25/19	56.50
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UNITED STATES TREASURY - WEBPYMT 11/12/19	4TH QTR OCT, 2019 941 EMP WITHHOLDING DEP. REQUIREMENT	713.00
VERIZON	642097789-01 TWP.HALL BROADBAND10/29/19-11/28/29	40.84
WASHTENAW COUNTY TREASURER	P.R.E. INV. 9/19/19 CUSTOMER #5013	221.56
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,404.62</b>

PAYROLL 11-12-2019	Check #	Gross	Federal Tax	Social Security	Medicare	State Tax	MERS	NET PAY
Elaine L. Bater	1456	2,547.75	144.00	-	36.94	72.00	127.39	2,167.42
Thomas E. Caplis	1457	833.53	-	51.68	12.09	4.00	-	765.76
Nanette L. Havens	1458	2,547.75	-	-	36.94	9.00	127.39	2,374.42
Else Heller	1459	1,103.75	53.00	-	12.94	36.00	44.63	957.18
Donald A. Laier	1460	292.83	-	-	4.25	-	14.64	273.94
Duane D. Luick	1461	292.83	-	-	4.25	-	14.64	273.94
Craig A. Maier	1462	2,547.75	144.00	-	36.94	87.00	127.39	2,152.42
Linda S. Martell	1463	214.50	-	-	-	-	-	214.50
Cheryl A. Niehaus	1464	210.21	-	-	-	-	-	210.21
Betty Jane Stoffer	1465	211.25	-	-	-	-	-	211.25
Tanya R. Strong	1466	571.20	-	35.41	8.28	-	-	527.51
Robin M Tite	1467	227.50	-	-	-	-	-	227.50
Mary Ann Wesner	1468	489.00	-	-	-	-	-	489.00
Thomas S. Wesner	1469	247.00	-	-	-	-	-	247.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,336.85</b>	<b>341.00</b>	<b>87.09</b>	<b>152.63</b>	<b>208.00</b>	<b>456.08</b>	<b>11,092.05</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE:** State of Michigan, LARA. Consumer Tips: Filing a Video/Cable Complaint

**REPORTS:**

**Zoning Report:** Written report provided for October, 2019 - Tom Caplis - Absent

- Compliance Permits: 5
  - 1405 S. Fletcher Rd. Home Addition
  - 113428 Jerusalem Rd. Home Addition
  - 59 S. Steinbach Rd. Shed
  - 12837 Trinkle Rd. New Home
  - 1140 S. Lima Center Pole Barn
- (Violation Written or Investigated): 2
  - Inspect Clapperton Site – open issue.
  - Inspect W. Hershey Lane & Harmony Drive.

**Chelsea Area Construction Agency (CAC):** Greg McKenzie - Absent

**Capital Improvements:** Ed Greenleaf – Absent

**CAP/DART:** Ed Greenleaf – Absent

**Cemeteries:** Ed Greenleaf – Absent

**SEMCOG:** Duane Luick

- No SEMCOG report – attended very informative workshops given by MTA in October.

**Chelsea District Library:** Elizabeth Sensoli - Absent

**Planning Commission:** Nanette Havens

- 8925 Jackson Rd. Rezoning from MHP to R1A. It was recommended that the rezoning go to Board for approval.

**Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA):** Nanette Havens

- Prices continue to be low
- Working on balancing the 2019 budget
- Preparing the budget for 2020

**Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE):** Arlene Bareis – Absent

**Clerk Report:** Elaine Bater

- The November Special Election for the Chelsea School Millage passed in Lima Township 259 yes to 248 no votes.
- It overwhelming passed school-district wide 2,275 yes to 1,484 no votes - mostly carried by the City of Chelsea.
- Lima Township will be reimbursed for the cost of this election.

**Broad Band Trask Force:** Craig Maier

- The October meeting was canceled
- Next meeting is November 21, 2019 at the Chelsea District Library
- The letter going out to the residents has not been completed.

**CAFA Report:** Craig Maier

- Ron Howdyshell attended the October meeting in place of supervisor.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Chelsea City Council Chambers

**Supervisor's Report:** Craig Maier

- No news

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** It was suggested that volunteers may be recruited to work on the tapestry if information were put on the website.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Luick, seconded by Havens to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted

*Elaine Bater*

Elaine Bater, Township Clerk