

LIMA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Luick opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Duane Luick, Elaine Bater, Nanette Havens, and Greg McKenzie. Dale Luick was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

McKenzie moved, seconded by Havens; motion to approve the amended agenda to include Clerk's and Zoning Administrator's resignations. All ayes – motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

McKenzie moved, seconded by Havens; motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes – motion passed.

MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 8, 2022

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - \$95,883.06

PAYROLL – \$8,982.14

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - SEPTEMBER 12, 2022		Amount
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	DEXTER BLDGERS PERIOD ENDING 7/31/2022	100.00
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	GENERAL CONSULTING PERIOD ENDING 7/31/2022	350.00
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	WOLFE REZONING PERIOD ENDING 7/31/2022	450.00
CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN	AUG MOWINGS HALL (3) & CEMETERIES (3 EACH)	1,100.00
CHELSEA AREA CONSTRUCTION AGENCY	SEPT 2022 OFFICE LEASE PYMT	1,098.49
COMCAST BUSINESS	8529 10 221 0105382 OFFICE INTERNET	141.85
DTE ENERGY	9100 105 6532 3 ELEC - TWP HALL	96.16
DUANE LUICK	MATTRESS DUMPED - RECYCLE FEE	30.00
ELAINE BATER	VAC FOR HALL, BAGS FOR OFF	149.68
IVS COMM	AUG 2022 OFFICE PHONES #7344752246	90.00
MENARDS - ANN ARBOR	ACCT#33220257 ELEC.EQUIP.DOLLY	36.67
MERS WebPmt.0000124353 9/12/22	INVOICE#133974-2 08/2022 EMPLOY. RETIREMENT	1,479.95
RENIUS & RENIUS	ASSESSOR SERVICES AUG 2022	2,916.67
TANYA STRONG	AUG 2022 JANITORIAL FOR OFFICE & HALL	180.00
THE SUN TIMES NEWS	BOT AUG SYN. MIN	98.50
UNITED ST. TREASURY Web Pymt 9/12/22	2ND QTR AUG 2022 941 EMP WITHHOLDING DEP.REQUIREMENT	1,690.58
VERIZON	642097789-01 TWP.HALL BROADBAND 7/29/22-8/30/22	40.83
VICTOR L. LILLICH, J. D.	LEGAL SERVICES 08/02 - 08/30/22	431.25
WASHTENAW CTY ROAD COMMISSION	2022 2ND BILLING - DUST CONTR/ROAD WORK PRJ.	85,402.43
TOTAL		95,883.06

Payroll 9/12/2022	Ck#	Gross	Federal	Social Sec	Medicare	State	MERS	NET Pay
Elaine L. Bater	1950	2,824.29	560.00	-	40.95	114.00	141.21	1,968.13
Marlene Consiglio	1951	135.45	-	8.40	1.96	-	-	125.09
Edwin Greenleaf	1952	100.05	-	6.20	1.45	-	-	92.40
Nanette L. Havens	1953	2,924.34	27.00	-	42.40	12.00	146.22	2,696.72
Else M. Heller	1954	1,047.60	-	-	15.19	42.00	52.38	938.03
Ronald A. Howdysshell	1955	100.05	-	6.20	1.45	-	-	92.40
Dale L. Luick	1956	324.61	-	-	4.71	-	16.23	303.67
Duane D. Luick	1957	2,824.29	261.00	-	40.95	96.00	141.21	2,285.13
Gregory A. McKenzie	1958	324.61	-	20.13	4.71	-	-	299.77
Elizabeth Sensoli	1959	100.05	-	6.20	1.45	4.00	-	88.40
Howard Sias	1960	100.05	-	6.20	1.45	-	-	92.40
TOTAL		10,805.39	848.00	53.33	156.67	268.00	497.25	8,982.14

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Panagoulis asked about the process and time frame to open a marijuana grow operation and dispensary in the township.

Matt Jordan, Chelsea Fairways Homeowners Assoc. Co-President, spoke regarding the Wolfe Development.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's August report – Nanette Havens

TREASURER'S REPORT	AUGUST 31, 2022
Beginning Balance - Chelsea State Bank	\$ 688,893.57
Deposits	92,003.23
August, Payroll	(14,960.78)
Accts. Payable/Bank Svc. Chg. June	(19,926.23)
CSB Checking Balance (.05% int.)	746,009.79
Non-Maturing CD's (3) - Flagstar	372,469.51
Total CSB Checking & CD's	1,118,479.30
CSB Money Market	838,943.83
Monthly Interest (.15%)	106.88
Total CSB Money Market	839,050.71
CSB Money Market - ARPA	416,100.57
Monthly Interest (.10%)	35.34
Total CSB Money Market ARPA	416,135.91
Flagstar/Thornton Farms	215,685.36
Thornton Farms - Monthly Interest (.20%)	57.02
Total Flagstar Checking	215,742.38
Funds Available	1,957,530.01
Total Funds	\$ 2,589,408.30

REPORTS - continued

Zoning Administrator – Randy Raiford
Capital Improvements — Ed GreenLeaf (absent)
CAPT/DART – Ed GreenLeaf (absent)
Cemetery - Ed GreenLeaf (absent)
SEMCOG - Duane Luick
Chelsea District Library — Patricia Garcia (absent)
Lima Township Planning Commission - Nanette Havens
Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority - Nanette Havens
WAVE—Greg McKenzie
Clerk’s Report - Elaine Bater
Broad Band Task Force (BBTF) - Final Mtg 10/20/22- Duane Luick
Chelsea Area Fire Authority (CAFA) – Chief Arbini reported.
Supervisor’s Report – Duane Luick

OLD BUSINESS:

American Rescue Plan Act Funds: List of proposed projects as they stand after discussion. No formal action taken.

- CAFA 10% or Amount to be Determined - No other member support to date. **\$20,000** was discussed in past.
- Bridge Maintenance and Repair - **\$200,000** with matching funds from County, begin with Guenther Road Bridge
- Township Hall – Design Plans for future build **\$100,000**
- Emergency Sirens – Sirens have become a secondary notification as private phones and other devices are widely used for emergency warnings, and cost per siren is high. **\$0** allocation
- Cemetery Funding – Fence not needed and adjacent property owners do not want a fence per Supervisor. **\$0** allocation
- Lima Depot Maintenance – Painting, gutters **\$10,000**
- Document Scanning, Digitalize Township Documents - **\$15,000**

NEW BUSINESS:

MERS Retiree’s 4.5% COLA Increase Consideration – Resolution #2022-10 Exhibit A

**Attachment A Resolution #2022-10 adopted after a roll call vote: the following voted aye: DuLuick, Havens, Bater
nay: None abstained: McKenzie absent: DaLuick**

425 Agreement with City of Chelsea – Wolfe Development

Moved by McKenzie, seconded by Havens to table any action on the 425 Agreement pending township attorney input. All ayes – motion passed.

Elaine Bater, Clerk Resignation

**Moved by McKenzie, seconded by Havens to accept the resignation of Clerk Elaine Bater regretfully and thank her for her seven years of service effective November 30, 2022, and to post a notice on the township website and advertise in the SunTimes News and accept applications until 10/31/22 for clerk candidates to complete the term. Ayes – DuLuick, Havens, McKenzie nay: None abstained: Bater absent: DaLuick
motion passed**

Randy Raiford, Zoning Administrator/Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Resignation

Moved by McKenzie, seconded by Havens to accept the resignation of Randy Raiford, Zoning Administrator effective September 30, 2022 with contingencies to October 31, 2022 as time permits, and to post a notice on the township website along with the same list of qualifications as used before and advertise in the SunTimes News and accept applications until 10/10/22 for qualified candidates. All ayes – motion passed.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Elaine Bater spoke regarding the State of Michigan not purchasing the undeveloped 510 acres of private property next to Four-Mile Lake Game Preserve, as it was recently bought by a Chelsea private citizen. The State will also

not buy the additional undeveloped 100 adjacent acres since it was contingent on getting the 510 acres.

ADJOURNMENT:

Havens moved, seconded by McKenzie to adjourn the Lima Township Board of Trustees meeting for September 12, 2022 at 8:34 PM. All ayes - motion passed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Elaine Bater
Elaine Bater, Township Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

Resolution #2022-10

WHEREAS inflation has risen at a historically high rate in 2021 and 2022 – as much as 9.0% in the Detroit Metro area;

WHEREAS retirees on a fixed income are disproportionately affected by inflation through the loss of purchasing power with no means for pay increases as would happen when employed;

WHEREAS the Township of Lima, Board of Trustees have the ability to adopt retiree cost of living adjustments (COLA) as necessary – the last one being 2.0% effective 1/1/2019;

WHEREAS the proposed MERS 4.50% Flexible E COLA for all retirees effective 1/1/2023 was evaluated by MERS, and a report was provided to the Board;

WHEREAS based on the MERS report dated 7/14/22, and the solid financial position of the Township’s budget; and

WHEREAS the Actuarial Policy states, “ The MERS Plan requires that the affected division and the employer as a whole be 100% funded to be eligible to adopt an increased benefit provision (whether permanent or temporary), and the affected divisions must be 100% funded after the adoption of an increased benefit provision.”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Township of Lima, Board of Trustees adopt the proposed MERS 4.50% Flexible E COLA for all retirees effective 1/1/2023; and

FURTHER, RESOLVE the Clerk is authorized to prepare all required paperwork and sign as the MERS township representative to ensure the increase will happen in 2023.

The aforementioned resolution was offered by Bater and supported by Havens.
 Upon Roll call vote, the following voted aye: DuLuick, Havens, Bater
 The following voted nay: None abstained: McKenzie absent: DaLuick
 The resolution was adopted.

I, Elaine Bater, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Lima Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on September 12, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Elaine Bater
Elaine Bater, Township Clerk