

Larkin Charter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
3027 N Jefferson Rd, Midland  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting held at Larkin Township Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch

Absent: None

Guests: Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner; Norma Stewart, Midland County Drain Commission, Brittany Nichol, FSBR Law, and Nick Czerwinski, Spicer Group

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of agenda with deletion of auditor presentation.

Motion to accept agenda as modified by Deitsch, support from Owens.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: *Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Hitchcock, Owens, Draves, Deitsch,*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Correspondence

Road Commission announcement of Waldo/Monroe Roundabout Construction beginning Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Completion slated for September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Public Comment

None.

Action Items:

- *Drain Petitions.*

The Chapter 3 petitions for Woodland Estates Drain and Johns Lane Drain have been filed to establish the two drainage districts. The next step in the process is to file a Chapter 4 petition to proceed.

Marilyns Lane Drain is moving forward with a drainage rehabilitation project. Kens Lane Drain is moving forward with a reduced scope. Project will be focused on cleaning of existing ditch and culverts. Whispering Pines Branch of Branch #2 of Pluss Drain is currently being worked on – cleaning existing tile and assessing conditions and needed repairs, if any. Cedaridge Drain is moving forward with surveying, engineering, and legal proceedings to extend existing drain.

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Hitchcock, to file the Chapter 4 petitions for Woodland Estates Drain and Johns Lane Drain with the Midland County Drain Commission.

Yeas: *Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch, Sandow,*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Facilities Ordinance.*

During the most recent MTA conference, MTA encouraged townships to adopt a Facilities Use Ordinance to ensure that residents and the general public are clear as to which areas of the township are open for public use, photography, and videography and when those activities can take place. The ordinance was introduced at the June Board meeting.

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Hitchcock to adopt the Facilities Use Ordinance.

Yeas: *Deitsch, Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves,*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Water Tap Ordinance.*

This ordinance amendment would replace Section 18 of the Water Ordinance. This ordinance will limit the water taps from being sold by individuals to other individuals. It creates a process in which the property owner can sell the tap back to the Township and the Township regulates to whom the taps can be sold. This is mainly aimed at landlocked parcels or parcels like the former golf course, which have multiple connections.

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Deitsch to introduce the Water Tap Ordinance.

Yeas: *Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch, Sandow, Moe*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

- *Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy.*

David Schneider has resigned/retired from the Zoning Board of Appeals. There is now a vacancy.

Motion by Deitsch, support by Hitchcock to accept David Schneider's resignation.

Yeas: *Draves, Deitsch, Sandow, Moe, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

## Consent Agenda

Approval of July Payroll, June/July Invoices, June 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Yeas: *All*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

## Department Reports:

### Fire Department:

- No report.

### Clerk:

- August special election for Meridien Schools on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Treasurer:

- No report

### Township Code Authority:

- Building Permits: 7 (3 new construction)
- Plumbing Permits: 5
- Mechanical Permits: 6
- Electrical Permits: 6

### Park/Park Committee:

- Baseball Tournament returning August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Cemetery:

- No updates.

### Hall:

- No updates.

### Assessor:

- 2023 July Board of Review meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. At this time, Assessor has 3 Veteran exemptions, 1 Hardship application, and 1 recapping of taxable due to a transfer of ownership between related family members for 2022 taxes.

- There is one pending Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal. Robert Granett, 3075 Alderberry Court. Assessor has answered the appeal with the Tax Tribunal and now waiting for a court date.
- The 2023 Assessment Roll 660 Audit was June 28, 2023. Assessor is waiting for the written results. The auditor said it all looks good.
- We have 1 pending STC (State Tax Commission) taxable value appeal for 4251 Monroe Road. This hearing will be in Lansing and should be scheduled for September.

**Planning Commission:**

- Public Hearing for Fence Ordinance and Home Occupancy Ordinance is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

- No report.

**Zoning Enforcement:**

- Investigating smaller complaints at this time.
- 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Myer trial is complete. The second phase will begin when the defense's expert witness returns from vacation – August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Roads:**

- No report.

**Supervisor:**

- No report.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Benter-Rich, Clerk



Maria Sandow, Supervisor