

Larkin Charter Township
Regular Board Meeting
3027 N Jefferson Rd, Midland
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members present: *Sadow, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch*

Absent: *Moe*

Guests: *Ken Lind, Insurance Agent*

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Draves, to accept the agenda as written.

Yeas: *Sadow, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

Correspondence

Thank you from Assessor interviewee.

Thank you from Sadow Family.

Public Comment

Guests

Ken Lind gave brief overview of Larkin Township's .

Action Items:

- *Assessor Candidates.*

The Board reviewed the results of the interviews at the January Board Meeting, but waited until this meeting (when Supervisor was in attendance) to make a final decision.

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Deitsch, to hire Joan Fackler, MidMichigan Assessing Services to replace Coiene Tait when she retires after the tax roll is signed in the Spring.

Yeas: *Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch, Sadow*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Township Officers Salary, Resolution 01-24-01, Supervisor.*

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Owens to approve Resolution 01-24-01.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Township Officers Salary, Resolution 01-24-02, Treasurer.*

Motion by Draves, support by Owens to approve Resolution 01-24-02.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Township Officers Salary, Resolution 01-24-03, Clerk.*

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Owens to approve Resolution 01-24-03.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Township Officers Salary, Resolution 01-24-04, Trustees.*

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Hitchcock to approve Resolution 01-24-04.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Township Fire Department Wages, Resolution 01-24-05.*

Motion by Draves, support by Benter-Rich to approve Resolution 01-24-05.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Buildings & Grounds, Cemetery, & Cleaning Wages, Resolution 01-24-06.*

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Owens to approve Resolution 01-24-06.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Office, Deputy & Election Wages, Resolution 01-24-07.*

Motion by Sandow, support by Draves to approve Resolution 01-24-07.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Meeting & Other Stipends, Resolution 01-24-08.*

Motion by Draves, support by Owens to approve Resolution 01-24-08.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Resolution to establish Assessor, Planning, Zoning & Enforcement Wages, Resolution 01-24-09.*

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Draves to approve Resolution 01-24-09.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Road Improvements 2024.*

The Midland County Road Commission provided a table of potential road improvements for 2024 (attached).

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Deitsch to approve Road Commission's 2024 road projects for Larkin Township.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Bid for Replacement Door on Fire Barn.*

Lloyds Doors was unable to repair the damaged door and provided estimate to replace the entire door.

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Hitchcock to accept bid for new door for Fire Barn.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Water Tap Buy Back.*

A resident is interested in selling back a water tap. This is tabled until we have solution from the City of Midland regarding water taps.

- *Acorn Path Update.*

Mandy Archbold provided an update on the path improvements. Some of the boards for the bridge were damaged and will need to be replaced. The cost is estimated at \$700. Zailey Archbold has about \$250 to support this. Clerk Benter-Rich is donating \$250 to support the project, leaving a need of \$250.

Motion by Deitch, support by Owens to fund the remaining \$250 for the bridge board replacements.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe*

- *Election Update.*

Applications were mailed to all voters on the Permanent Absent Ballot Voter List. Ballots will be going out next week.

Consent Agenda

Approval of December 31st Payroll, December 2023/January 2024 Invoices, December 12th 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Deitch, support by Draves to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: *None*

Abstain for Minutes: *Sadow*

Absent: *Moe*

Department Reports:

Fire Department:

- Michelle Campbell resignation

Motion by Benter-Rich, support by Draves to accept Michelle Campbell's resignation.

Yeas: *Sadow, Benter-Rich, Owens, Hitchcock, Draves, Deitsch*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *Moe.*

Clerk:

- New Trash Company Update.

Treasurer:

- General Fund: \$3,872,887.80
- Sanitation: \$85,900.19
- Water 1: \$489,176.95
- Water 3: \$448,507.98
- Water 4: \$20,493.39

Township Code Authority:

- Building Permits: 1
- Mechanical: 5
- Electrical: 2
- Plumbing: 3

Park/Park Committee:

- Closed for winter.

Cemetery:

- No report.

Hall:

- No report

Assessor:

- The Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal with Robert Granett, 3075 Alderberry Court, was December 12, 2023. I have the proposed answer from the Tax Tax Tribunal. The assessment was reduced to \$273,000 with a True Cash Value of \$546,000 for 2023.
- Michel Brendan, 3758 E. Acorn Lane, appeal is still pending a court date.
- 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 soon.
- All new construction has been entered in computer, working on sketching new homes in the computer.
- November deeds have been entered in the computer.
- March Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11:00 am for the organizational meeting. The Public Hearing schedule is Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Planning Commission:

- Looking for Home Occupation guidance – what do you think a Home Occupation is/is not.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Appeal to be heard on January 17th.

Zoning Enforcement:

- Informal hearings for blight on 12/21/23.
- 1 blight follow up.
- 1 new blight issue.

Roads:

- See above Road Projects for 2024.

Supervisor:

- No report.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Benter-Rich
Lisa Benter-Rich, Clerk

Maria Sandow By LBR
Maria Sandow, Supervisor

APPROVED 2-13-24