

Larkin Charter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
3027 N Jefferson Rd, Midland  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Absent: None

Guests: Duane Reyl, Danielle Hoppe, Amy Wilson, AHP PL Auditors

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of agenda as written.

Motion to accept agenda as written by Benter-Rich, support from Deitsch.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Correspondence

Thank you from Mills Township for use of hall while theirs was being repaired.

Thank you from Little League for hosting tournament.

Letter regarding broadband in county.

Public Comment

None.

Action Items:

- *Offer to purchase Township property.*

Offer to purchase parcel B was presented to Board.

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Draves, to accept offer on parcel B.

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

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. This was introduced at the July meeting.

**Motion by Hitchcock, support by Deitsch to adopt the Water Tap Ordinance, as introduced at the July meeting.**

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

### Consent Agenda

**Approval of August Payroll, July/August Invoices, July 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 14<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes.**

Yeas: *All*

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

### Department Reports:

#### Fire Department:

- 92 calls since last report:
  - 53 Medical
  - 12 Vehicle Accidents
  - 10 Public Assists
  - 5 Brush Fires
  - 4 Electrical/Tree Hazards
  - 3 Gas Leaks
  - 3 Automatic Fire Alarms
  - 2 Vehicle Fires
- Annual hose & ladder testing is complete. Zero equipment failures.
- Annual extrication equipment service & testing performed. All passed.
- Truck Purchase Update: chassis delivery has been delayed. Now expected to be delivered in late October.
- Provided first aid and fire coverage for Little League Tournament. All went well.
- Applied for the MI Fire Equipment Grant to fund the purchase of personal Thermal Imaging Cameras. Award notifications are expected to be sent out in early August.
- Still working on applying for funding to replace our aged SCBA equipment.
- Planning open house/safety day for October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm – 8 pm. Would like to use the Hall for restroom facilities.

Clerk:

- Meridian Schools special election today.
- MCTOA meeting at Hall on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Midland County Board of Commissioners Meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Board members are encouraged to attend, as representatives from the Secretary of State's office and the Board of Elections will be presenting information regarding Proposal 2.
- Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED training?
- Budget Adjustments needed for:
  - Router for Fire Department \$424.99
  - A/C unit for Fire Department \$3,780

Motion by Hitchcock, support by Owens to approve budget adjustments.

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

Nays: *None*

Absent: *None*

Treasurer:

- No report

Township Code Authority:

- Building Permits: 8 (1 new construction)
- Plumbing Permits: 10
- Mechanical Permits: 17
- Electrical Permits: 12

Park/Park Committee:

- Need to replace little playhouse on large playground.

Cemetery:

- Columbarium ordered. Adding bench in middle area of concrete pad.

Hall:

- No updates.

Assessor:

- 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. Results provided to the Board.

- 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.
- Working on measuring new construction and entering sale data in the computer.
- June deeds have been entered in our database.
- Working on the sales study with Equalization for the 2024 assessment roll.

Planning Commission:

- Public Hearing for Fence Ordinance and Home Occupancy Ordinance is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- No report.

Zoning Enforcement:

- Investigating smaller complaints at this time: noise, blight.
- Blight violations going to court.
- Liquor inspections in progress.

Roads:

- Roundabout grading is complete. Curbs are being put in.
- Letts Road information open house at Township Hall on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

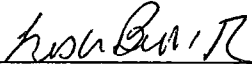
Supervisor:

- No report.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Lisa Benter-Rich, Clerk

  
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Maria Sandow, Supervisor