

**LENOX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeder, Kandell, Honold, Clifford, Gurley
ATTORNEY PRESENT: Addis
OTHERS PRESENT: 4
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
Motion: Kandell Support: Honold
Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion passes.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
K. Turchi, spoke on applying to rent the stone house, as well as his hope of getting the opportunity to rent the house and live in Lenox Township.
K. Turchi, Lenox Township Resident, commented on a potential renter, her hope that the Board approves that applicant, and her financial support if an emergency arises.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **STONE HOUSE RENTAL APPLICATION APPROVAL**
Clerk Kandell explained that three applications were submitted for renting the stone house. Officials were provided copies of the applications with personal information redacted to protect their privacy. Employers and references were contacted for each applicant.
Supervisor Reeder remarked that he had concern for one applicant, as they disclosed owning a dog, and the house is a no pet, no smoking household.
Trustee Clifford inquired if the former renters owned a dog.
Clerk Kandell reported that after the renters moved out and as the house was being cleaned, it was discovered that there must have been a dog living in the house. It was at that time, the Board determined that it would be a pet free and smoke free home. She is not against dogs at all; however, the Board made a decision some time ago.

Motion: Kandell Support: Honold

Motion to rent the Township owned stone house to Mr. Jimmy Payne per his application.

Kandell added that she had nothing against any of the applicants but is not comfortable renting the house to anyone who is connected by friendships or relationships to Board Members and Committee Members.

Roll Call Vote: Kandell- Aye, Honold- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Clifford- Nay, Gurley- Aye. Motion passes.

b. ELECTION INSPECTOR PAY RATE INCREASE REQUEST

Clerk Kandell detailed that the Election Inspector Pay is currently \$12.00 an hour for Inspectors and \$13.00 per hour for Chairpersons. Working an election is approximately an 18-hour day. Several telephone calls were made to neighboring communities, and Lenox Township payrate is at the low end. In the interest of keeping inspectors working in Lenox Township that have been trained, she recommended the hourly rate be increased to \$13.00 per hour for Inspectors and \$14.00.

Supervisor Reeder remarked that the rate may need to be increased a little bit more in line with the municipalities around Lenox. He suggested \$16.00 per hour for Inspectors and \$17.00 for Chairpersons.

Kandell remembered that an election inspector chosen from a pool of inspectors to work in Lenox, had been told by Macomb County Election Department that she would be paid \$16.00 per hour and was disappointed to learn that she would be paid just \$12.00 per hour.

Motion: Reeder Support: Gurley

Motion to approve increasing the Election Inspector payrate to \$16.00 per hour and the Chairperson pay rate to \$17.00 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: Reeder- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Honold- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Clifford- Aye. Motion passes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments at this time.

7. CALL FROM THE BOARD

There was no additional information from the Board at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Honold Support: Kandell

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 4:42 PM. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnne Kandell, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Swantek, Deputy Clerk