

**REGULAR MEETING
LENOX TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER: | 6:30 PM |
| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Trombly, Kandell, Honold, Clifford, Gurley |
| ATTORNEY PRESENT: | Shaun Kelley |
| RESIDENTS AND GUESTS PRESENT: | 5 |

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Clerk Kandell detailed several changes to this Agenda, being, **h.** Service Counter Barrier Proposal, **i.** Local State of Emergency Extension, **j.** Firefighter Hazard Pay. She also announced that the 2020-2021 Budget Public Hearing that was to be held at this Meeting, has been postponed and rescheduled for June 18, 2020 to begin at 6:30 PM.

Motion: Gurley Support: Kandell

Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda adding **h.**, **i.**, and **j.** All Ayes. Motion passes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Clifford Support: Kandell

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 4, May 19, May 27, 2020 as presented. All Ayes. Motion passes.

5. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Public Announcements at this Meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments at this time.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under this Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Board and will be enacted by one motion. According to established Township meeting rules, there will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a member of the Board or public so requests at or prior to the meeting, in which event the chair of the meeting may remove such item(s) from the Consent Agenda for discussion and consideration under Agenda Item No. 8, below. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be by a majority roll call vote of those present and voting. Under the Consent Agenda are items a. Public Safety Report, b. EMS Report, c. DPW Report, d. Code Enforcement Report, e. Assessing Department Report, f. Engineer Report, g. Planner Report, h. Library Report, i. Senior Center Report, j. Supervisor's Report, k. Treasurer's Report, l. Orders and Bills, m. Trustees Report, n. Clerk's Report.

Clerk Kandell explained that there were three additions to the Bills List, being, A & B Cleaning, \$1,000.00 for April services, A & B Cleaning, \$800 for May Services, and Cormic Services, \$175.00, bringing the new unpaid invoices total to \$337,362.26.

Motion: Gurley Support: Honold

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the Orders and Bills in the amount of \$337,362.26.

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

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for this meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to complete at this meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR REPLACEMENT REQUEST

Public Safety Director Jeff White explained that annually the Fire Department budgets for turnout gear replacement, typically five sets are replaced as they reach their end of useful life. Douglass Safety Systems submitted a quote in the amount of \$10,570 for five turnout gear sets. The vendor shared that the cost of turnout gear would be increasing in October 2020, therefore, it is likely that another purchase would be requested early in the next budget year in order to save money.

Motion: Clifford Support: Kandell

Motion to approve the purchase of five sets of turnout gear from Douglass Safety Systems at the cost of \$10,570.00.

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

b. FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION II GARAGE DOOR OPENERS PROPOSAL

Public Safety Director Jeff White explained that the garage door opener units at Station II have become unreliable and could delay response time if they fail at the time of a Fire Department call. Three quotes were submitted as follows:

KVM Door Systems, Inc., Clinton Township, MI	\$10,415.00
Motor City Door Company, Sterling Heights, MI	\$7,192.00
City Wide Door Company, Ira Township, MI	\$7,100.00

White reported that City Wide Door Company has done work for Richmond Lenox EMS as well as the Fire Department and is comfortable recommending them to complete the project.

Motion: Honold Support: Gurley

Motion to approve the purchase of garage door openers from City Wide Door Company in the amount of \$7,100 per the recommendation of the Public Safety Director.

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

c. 2020-2021 WATER SERVICE USER CHARGE RATE

Township Engineer Sermed Saif explained that every year, the proposed Water Service Rates are reviewed with recommendations brought before the Board. He suggested the Board approve an .80 increase, the Township would not add any additional charges to that amount, it would strictly be a pass-through increase from Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) to the user.

Motion: Kandell Support: Honold

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Township Engineer and the DPW Superintendent to increase the Water Service User Rate from \$54.90 to \$55.70 per thousand cubic feet (TCF) for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

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

d. 2020-2021 WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SERVICE USER CHARGE RATE

Township Engineer Sermed Saif reported that the Lenox Township Wastewater Disposal User Charge Rate has decreased for the next year, however, because of the known deficiency of the sewer (**department or budget**) as well as the expected additional \$70 Million bond cost for the 15 Mile Road Sinkhole, he recommends that the Township retain the existing Wastewater Disposal User Charge Rate of \$114.10 per TCF for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Motion: Clifford Support: Gurley

Motion to approve Wastewater Disposal Service User Charge Rate of \$114.10 for the fiscal year 2020-2021 as proposed.

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

e. KEEP MACOMB YOUR HOME - PAYS PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Treasurer Kathy Honold announced that the Macomb County Treasurer has implemented an expanded Keep Macomb Your Home Program to institute a Pay As You Stay (PAYS), Property Tax Interest and Fee Reduction Program to prevent owner-occupied foreclosures.

Motion: Kandell Support: Clifford

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-2, Keep Macomb Your Home - PAYS Program Proposal as presented.

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

f. PET ACQUISITION ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

Township Attorney Shaun Kelley detailed that this proposed Ordinance has been designed to combat fraud with respect to commercially bred animals to protect against genetic issues and disease, as well as the importation and brokering of large numbers of animals.

Motion: Kandell Support: Gurley

Motion to approve the Pet Acquisition Ordinance identified as Part 13 Ordinance 2 in the Lenox Township Ordinance Book as presented.

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

g. OUTDOOR GATHERING REQUEST - SOCCER CLUB MLADOST BIH, 25029 26 MILE ROAD

Clerk LuAnne Kandell explained that before the Board there is a request for an Outdoor Gathering at Club MLA Dost on 26 Mile Road where they may expect between 800 - 1000 people. In discussing the request with the Township Attorney, he recommends that conditions be put in writing stating that the gathering would be subject to cancellation at any time as mandated by law or public health concerns.

Motion: Kandell Support: Honold

Motion to approve the Outdoor Gathering Permit Request for Krajiski Teferic Detroit at C.R.C. Club MLA Dost Staro Selo, Inc. on 26 Mile Road for Saturday, August 15, 2020, as requested with the following condition in writing:

per the Lenox Township Legal Department, subject to cancellation at any time as mandated by law or public health concerns.

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

h. SERVICE COUNTER PROTECTIVE BARRIER PROPOSAL

DPW Superintendent Cam Trombly reported that he was tasked with getting quotes for a protective barrier on the front counter. Thicker material with reinforcements would be used with multiple cut-outs for document passing. Cassino Builders submitted a quote completing the project at the cost of \$19,777.00. Counter doorways would stay open following the countertops as it may not be feasible to create a doorframe with a barrier door; doorway barriers could be constructed for the additional estimated cost of \$2,000.00.

Trustee Clifford stated that he would prefer a doorway barrier for a more uniform appearance as well as for everyone's protection.

Clerk Kandell remarked that she would like to see a rendering of how protective doorways might look before approving the construction.

Supervisor Trombly stated that he would prefer to have the entire project constructed at the same time.

Motion: Clifford Support: Honold

Motion to table this proposal until a rendering can be provided, in order for the construction can be done at the same time and done properly.

All Ayes. Motion passes.

i. LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENSION

Public Safety Director Jeff White explained that the Township has been asked to formally extend the Local State of Emergency for 60 days, so that if Federal resources become available, they may be accessed if necessary.

Clerk Kandell reported that the Township Attorney's Office has suggested that the Local Emergency be extended until June 26, 2020, to coincide with Macomb County's extension date.

Motion: Kandell Support: Honold

Motion to extend the Lenox Township Local State of Emergency for another 60 days. All Ayes. Motion passes.

j. LENOX TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER HAZARD PAY

Public Safety Director Jeff White remarked that the Board of the Ambulance Authority has approved additional hazard pay due to the COVID-19 Crisis. He detailed that 61 COVID-19 positive patients were transported recently and there were 54 runs for presumptive COVID-19 patients, as they had all the COVID-19 symptoms. There has been a high of 58% of the Richmond Lenox EMS run volume tending to COVID-19 patients; presently 8% of the EMS call volume is COVID related.

He has requested that the Lenox Township Firefighters be awarded \$100 each for all they have done during the COVID-19 Pandemic. These firefighters put their lives on the line each time they go out on a run and should be recognized, understanding that no amount of money would be enough to repay them for what they have done during this crisis, fighting an invisible hazard.

Motion: Kandell Support: Clifford

Motion to approve the request of the Public Safety Director to pay each Firefighter an additional \$100 in hazard pay for their service during the COVID-19 crisis. All Ayes. Motion passes.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments at this time.

12. CALL FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Gurley reported that there was an article in the Bay Voice Newspaper regarding a Memorial Bench that was stolen from a New Baltimore City Park. The bench for her Grandmother was constructed of cast iron and had been specially designed with a Dahlia laser cut in the center. She is hoping that by spreading the information further, someone might come forward that has seen something or knows of its whereabouts; they could contact the City of New Baltimore or herself.

Clerk Kandell announced that the Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson mailed Absentee Voter Applications to every registered voter not on the Permanent Absentee Voter List. Lenox Township had 827 Permanent Absentee Voters before this mailing. In the mail today, there were approximately 300 pieces of mail containing Absentee Applications; the number of Absentee Ballots will be increased by large amounts for the August Primary.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Honold Support: Gurley

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:11 PM. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnne Kandell, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Swantek, Recording Secretary