

Lawrence Township Regular Board Meeting October 9, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present - Barnett, Thompson, Tinker, Reynnells and Stroud
 Absent – None

Also Present: Karen Hardin, Mark DuBay, Rick Boze, Mike Anchor, Glen Thomsen, Don Hanson, Anita Thomas, Jeff Moses, Kyle Mead and Shannon Truelove.

Motion made by Stroud, 2nd by Tinker, to approve the Regular Board Minutes of September 11, 2014 as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion made by Stroud, 2nd by Reynnells to accept the Truth in Taxation Hearing Minutes of August 14, 2014 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion made by Tinker, 2nd by Stroud to accept the Closed Session Minutes of September 11, 2014 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion made by Reynnells, 2nd by Stroud, to approve the October 9, 2014 expenditures as amended.
 Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund Totaling: \$21,922.83

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
10/09/2014	AT&T	\$54.03	Cemetery Communications
10/09/2014	Attorney Mark DuBay	\$982.87	Misc/Meetings/Variance
10/09/2014	Comcast	\$52.96	Internet Service Provider
10/09/2014	Consumer's Energy	\$110.09	Utilities - Fire Hall
10/09/2014	Consumer's Energy	\$187.60	Utilities-Bank Bldg
10/09/2014	Consumer's Energy	\$32.88	Utilities-Cemetery Memorial
10/09/2014	Frontier	\$88.28	Treasurer/Board Communications
10/09/2014	Frontier	\$42.49	Cemetery Communications
10/09/2014	Ricoh	\$61.00	Copier Contract
10/09/2014	State of Michigan	\$348.12	Payroll Taxes
10/09/2014	Steensma Lawn & Power Equipment	\$140.11	Mower Repair
10/09/2014	Thayre, Inc.	\$25.00	Fire Hall Supplies
10/09/2014	Thomsen Construction Co.	\$8,211.30	Cemetery Repairs - Topsoil Bank Bldg Gen Contractor
10/09/2014	Van Buren Co. Clerk	\$32.90	Voter Card Printing
10/09/2014	Van Buren Conservation District	\$428.86	Hazardous Waste Collection
10/09/2014	VB Co. Dept of Land Services	\$190.00	Zoning Map Printing
10/09/2014	Village of Lawrence	\$17.35	Garbage Service
10/09/2014	Village of Lawrence	\$50.86	Utilities-Bank Bldg
10/09/2014	Vineyard Press	\$34.17	Print/Publishing (Elections)
	Subtotal	\$11,036.84	
	Payroll		

10/09/2014	Anita Ghastin	\$2,650.21	Assessor Salary
10/09/2014	Donna Ghastin-Neyome	\$1,025.37	Assessor Salary
10/09/2014	Ken Barnett	\$929.52	Supervisor Salary
10/09/2014	Kim Thompson	\$929.52	Clerk Salary
10/09/2014	Mary Tinker	\$870.04	Treasurer Salary
	Subtotal	\$6,404.66	
	Barry S. Earls	\$1,411.76	Sexton Wages (9/19/14, 10/3/14)
	Charles Moses	\$389.40	PT Sexton Wages (9/19/14, 10/3/14)
	IRS	\$2,631.54	Federal Payroll Tax
	State of Michigan	\$48.63	State Payroll Tax
	Subtotal	\$4,481.33	
	Grand Total	\$21,922.83	

LTES Fund Totaling: \$19,396.65

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
10/09/2014	Argus-Hazco	\$331.14	QR Personal Protection Equipment
10/09/2014	BioCare	\$259.00	Fit Testing
10/09/2014	Bloomingtondale Communications	\$31.99	Wireless Mouse
10/09/2014	Christina Benson	\$40.00	QR Training
10/09/2014	Comcast	\$26.49	Internet Service
10/09/2014	Consumers Energy	\$440.37	Utilities
10/09/2014	David A. Ridley	\$200.00	Fire Dept Training
10/09/2014	David Chapman Agency	\$1,229.00	AD&D Insurance Policy
10/09/2014	David Chapman Agency	\$3,864.00	Accident & Health Policy
10/09/2014	Field Plumbing & Heating	\$13.29	Fire Hall Maint
10/09/2014	Frontier	\$127.49	Communications
10/09/2014	Kellogg Hardware	\$18.76	Phone Equipment
10/09/2014	Mike Anchor	\$36.00	Communications Reimbursement
10/09/2014	Moses Fire Equipment	\$1,130.90	Air Pack Repair/Operating Supplies
10/09/2014	Nye Uniform	\$369.28	
10/09/2014	Postmaster	\$42.00	Post Office Box Rent
10/09/2014	Richardson Oil Co.	\$56.28	Fuel Expense
10/09/2014	Ricoh	\$61.00	Copier Contract
10/09/2014	Roe-Com	\$29.95	Equipment
10/09/2014	State of Michigan	\$101.35	Payroll Taxes
10/09/2014	Thayre, Inc.	\$100.00	Fire Hall Supplies
10/09/2014	Touchtone Communications	\$13.51	Communications
10/09/2014	Village of Lawrence	\$17.35	Garbage Service
10/09/2014	Village of Lawrence	\$105.40	Utilities
10/09/2014	Walmart	\$330.80	Fire Hall Supplies
10/09/2014	Wolverine Press	\$315.00	QR Response Form Printing
	Sub Total	\$9,290.35	

LTES Payroll			
10/09/2014	Shanna Bankston	\$137.61	Wages
10/09/2014	Kenneth Barnett	\$153.63	Wages
10/09/2014	Charles Carpp	\$51.94	Wages
10/09/2014	Michael Carpp	\$338.12	Wages
10/09/2014	Michelle Curtis	\$57.95	Wages
10/09/2014	Barry S. Earls	\$250.76	Wages
10/09/2014	James Fein	\$271.51	Wages
10/09/2014	John Gritter	\$87.27	Wages
10/09/2014	Rolla Hemingway	\$344.88	Wages
10/09/2014	Steven Lowe	\$63.87	Wages
10/09/2014	Kyle Mead	\$225.75	Wages
10/09/2014	Eric Mills	\$158.08	Wages
10/09/2014	Charles Moses	\$32.38	Wages
10/09/2014	Jon Rader	\$94.70	Wages
10/09/2014	Linnea Rader	\$40.64	Wages
	Sub Total	\$2,309.09	
	Consent Items Already Paid		
	IRS	\$2,280.20	Federal Payroll Tax
	Karen Hardin	\$2,181.76	Secretary Wages (9/19/14, 10/3/14)
	Michael Anchor	\$3,183.76	Chief Salary (9/19/14, 10/3/14)
	State of Michigan	151.49	State Payroll Tax
	Sub Total	\$7,797.21	
	Grand Total	\$19,396.65	

Building Fund Totaling: \$897.00

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
10/14/2014	AGS	\$897.00	2 Bldg/ 3 Elect/ 2 Mech
	Total Proposed Expenditures	\$897.00	

The following reports were presented to the Board:

- ✓ Sheriff's Department
- ✓ Road Commission
- ✓ Lawrence Township Emergency Services
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ ZBA
- ✓ Clerk
- ✓ Planning Commission
- ✓ County Commissioner

Rick Boze, representing the VB Co. Sheriff's Department announced that the department will be offering the Citizens Academy again this year. Applications may be completed on line at the VB Co. Sheriff's Department website.

Rick Boze representing the VB Co. Road Commission reported that the chip and fog sealing is done and striping is now being completed. The Road Commission will be adding four new trucks to their fleet in the coming months.

Commissioner Hanson reported that the county has reduced their phone bill \$6000 per month by switching to a new plan. New technology that has been implemented has reduced the number of employees in the Land Services Department from 10 to 5 and has made the department much more efficient and cost effective.

Chief Anchor recommended advertising the sale of the 1986 Peirce Pumper on a local basis. He will contact area departments to determine who may be interested. The Pumper is valued at approximately \$30,000. Shoot for a February 2015 Sale date.

An evacuation plan is being created for the Brush Creek Apartment complex.

The Department has Fire Safety Week activities planned for Lawrence Elementary students next week.

A call and expense trends report will be compiled for Arlington Township as the current agreement is due to expire on March 31, 2015.

The Chief submitted a \$7000 grant application to the Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation. LTES was awarded \$300. This grant money will be used to purchase pediatric pads.

Treasurer Tinker will need a signed copy for the bank of the September 2014 minutes, where the board voted to open an account at Mercantile Bank.

Treasurer also stated that current tax information is available on the Van Buren County website.

There was no report from the ZBA or the Planning Commission.

Clerk Thompson presented current budget and financial reports. She also noted that Steve Bryer of Sigfried and Crandall will be at next month's board meeting to present the audit report.

The Joint Rehabilitation Program with the Lawrence Methodist Church had one applicant for a well replacement which was estimated at \$1700. The project ended up costing \$2500 due to unforeseen problems which added an additional \$800 to the project cost.

A motion was made by Reynnells and supported by Stroud to approve the reimbursement of \$800.00 for well replacement project costs to Lawrence Methodist Church pending receipt of invoice. Roll call vote: All ayes, motion carried.

There have been several absentee ballot requests for the November 4th general election. The public accuracy test is scheduled for October 24, 2014.

Glen Thomsen gave an update on the Bank Building status. He will have the plans available next week for board members to review and make any changes or suggestions and then sign off that they have reviewed.

Clerk Thompson will contact our insurance company regarding owner controlled contractor pollution liability policy.

An update on the public hearing of the Christie Lake board that was held on September 19, 2014 involved the discussion of weed control and the possibility of a tax assessment to all lake residents. The Lake Board will need to circulate a new petition for "chemical treatment" and obtain 2/3 signatures of residents.

A motion was made by Tinker and supported by Reynnells to approve Zoning Ordinance One as amended to include R-3. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Reynnells to adopt the new zoning maps as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Around the room.

Anita Thompson representing Senior Services announced that they will be hosting a Christmas tree auction at St Julian. More information will be forthcoming.

With no further business to attend to, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Reynnells and supported by Stroud. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Kim Thompson, Clerk

Ken Barnett, Supervisor