

**Lawrence Township Regular Board Meeting
 February 12, 2015**

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

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

Also Present: Mark DuBay, Rick Boze, Mike Anchor, Glen Thomsen, Jeff Moses, Rolla Hemingway, Craig Patterson and Eric Mills

Motion made by Reynnells, 2nd by Stroud, to approve the Regular Board Minutes of January 8, 2015 as amended. All ayes, motion carried

Motion made by Stroud, 2nd by Reynnells, to approve the Special Board Minutes of December 29, 2014 as presented.

Motion made by Reynnells, 2nd by Stroud, to approve the February 12, 2015 expenditures as presented. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund Totaling: \$14,764.24

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
02/12/2015	Associated Government Services	\$75.00	PC Meeting
02/12/2015	AT&T	\$54.16	Cemetery Communications
02/12/2015	Attorney Mark DuBay	\$509.39	FOIA/Meetings
02/12/2015	Comcast	\$46.64	Internet Service Provider
02/12/2015	Consumer's Energy	\$202.36	Utilities-GF Fire Hall
02/12/2015	Consumer's Energy	\$220.55	Utilities-Bank Bldg
02/12/2015	Consumer's Energy	\$46.74	Utilities-Cemetery Memorial
02/12/2015	Cougar Mountain	\$1,699.00	Software Renewal
02/12/2015	Deluxe Business Forms	\$840.64	Checks and Envelopes
02/12/2015	Field Plumbing and Heating	\$1,175.00	Snow Melt Boiler Repair - Library
02/12/2015	Field Plumbing and Heating	\$46.18	Cemetery Supplies
02/12/2015	Field Plumbing and Heating	\$317.00	Boiler Repair - Library
02/12/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$211.83	Treasurer Computer Services/Printer Supplies
02/12/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$778.24	Postage/Software Renewal/Board Supplies/Website
02/12/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$55.11	Cemetery Fuel/Supplies/Repair&Maint
02/12/2015	Flametamer	\$455.50	Annual Fire Extinguisher Maint - Library
02/12/2015	Frontier	\$86.03	Treasurer/Clerk Communications
02/12/2015	Frontier	\$42.70	Cemetery Communications
02/12/2015	Richardson Oil	\$203.37	Cemetery Fuel (Dec & Jan)
02/12/2015	Ricoh	\$61.00	Copier Contract
02/12/2015	State of Michigan	\$332.03	Payroll Taxes
02/12/2015	US Postmaster	\$42.00	PO Box Rental

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02/12/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$17.74	Garbage Service
02/12/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$131.61	Blight Ordinance Enforcement
02/12/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$52.40	Utilities-Bank Bldg
	Subtotal	\$7,702.22	
	Payroll		
02/12/2015	Anita Ghastin	\$1,683.27	Assessor Salary
02/12/2015	Donna Ghastin-Neyome	\$1,025.37	Assessor Salary
02/12/2015	Ken Barnett	\$929.52	Supervisor Salary
02/12/2015	Kim Thompson	\$929.52	Clerk Salary
02/12/2015	Mary Tinker	\$870.04	Treasurer Salary
	Subtotal	\$5,437.72	
	Consent Items Already Paid		
	Barry S. Earls	\$1,508.24	Sexton Wages (1/23/15&2/6/15)
	State of Michigan	\$45.58	State Payroll Tax
	Theresa Carr	\$70.48	Dep Treasurer Wages (2/6/15)
	Subtotal	\$1,624.30	
	Grand Total	\$14,764.24	

LTES Fund Totaling: \$21,961.64

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
02/12/2015	Boundtree	\$505.00	Medical Supplies
02/12/2015	Chet Nichols, Inc.	\$54.28	Equipment Repair/Maint
02/12/2015	Christina Benson	\$40.00	QR Training
02/12/2015	Comcast	\$23.31	Internet Service
02/12/2015	Consumers Energy	\$809.44	Utilities
02/12/2015	Emergency Serv Management Sys	\$480.00	Crossfire On-Line Subscription Renewal
02/12/2015	First National Bank - Omaha	\$427.83	Supplies/Equip Maint/FH Maint/FD Training
02/12/2015	Flametamer Fire Protection	\$732.50	Annual Building Maint
02/12/2015	Flametamer Fire Protection	\$50.00	Fire Extinguisher Inspection
02/12/2015	Flametamer Fire Protection	\$1,170.00	SCBA Hydro-testing
02/12/2015	Frontier	\$128.10	Communications
02/12/2015	Mike Anchor	\$36.00	Communications Reimbursement
02/12/2015	Moses Fire Equipment	\$8,119.56	FD-PP Gear/Lighting/Hoses
02/12/2015	Nye Uniform	\$152.04	FD - Personal Protection Gear
02/12/2015	Overhead Door Company	\$895.00	Overhead Door Repair
02/12/2015	Richardson Oil Co.	\$299.77	Fuel Expense (Dec & Jan)
02/12/2015	Ricoh	\$61.00	Copier Contract
02/12/2015	State of Michigan	\$236.00	Payroll Taxes
02/12/2015	Touchtone Communications	\$25.54	Communications
02/12/2015	VB Co. Fire Chiefs Association	\$50.00	Association Dues
02/12/2015	VB Co. Firefighters Association	\$50.00	Association Dues

02/12/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$17.74	Garbage Service
02/12/2015	Village of Lawrence	\$29.65	Utilities
02/12/2015	Walmart	\$107.78	Supplies/Equipment/Repairs & Maint
	Sub Total	\$14,500.54	
	LTES Payroll		
02/12/2015	Kenneth Barnett	\$49.55	Wages
02/12/2015	Wesley Brubaker	\$19.74	Wages
02/12/2015	Charles Carpp	\$51.94	Wages
02/12/2015	Michael Carpp	\$271.34	Wages
02/12/2015	Chris Collins	\$29.74	Wages
02/12/2015	Michelle Curtis	\$116.83	Wages
02/12/2015	Barry S. Earls	\$161.30	Wages
02/12/2015	James Fein	\$186.67	Wages
02/12/2015	John Gritter	\$58.18	Wages
02/12/2015	Rolla Hemingway	\$318.45	Wages
02/12/2015	David Leach	\$37.66	Wages
02/12/2015	Steven Lowe	\$140.52	Wages
02/12/2015	Kyle Mead	\$183.36	Wages
02/12/2015	Eric Mills	\$58.14	Wages
02/12/2015	Richard Norg	\$19.81	Wages
02/12/2015	Jon Rader	\$124.44	Wages
02/12/2015	Linnea Rader	\$76.77	Wages
02/12/2015	Jason Spangler	\$39.65	Wages
	Sub Total	\$1,944.09	
	Consent Items Already Paid		
	Karen Hardin	\$2,181.76	Secretary Wages (1-23-15/2-6-15)
	Mike Anchor	\$3,183.76	Chief Salary (1-23-15/2-6-15)
	State of Michigan	151.49	State Payroll Tax (1/31/15)
	Sub Total	\$5,517.01	
	Grand Total	\$21,961.64	

Building Fund Totaling: \$150.00

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
02/12/2015	AGS	\$ 150.00	1 Mech
	Total Proposed Expenditures	\$ 150.00	

The following reports were presented to the Board:

- ✓ Sheriff's Department
- ✓ Road Commission

- ✓ Lawrence Township Emergency Services
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Clerk
- ✓ Planning Commission
- ✓ County Commissioner

Rick Boze, representing the VB Co. Sheriff's Department reported that there were 46 calls for December 2014 and 68 calls for January 2015.

Rick Boze representing the VB Co. Road Commission briefed the Board on the increase in sales tax to fund road infrastructure that will be on the May ballot.

Chief Anchor reported that the Eau Claire Fire Department will make two payments on the purchase of the Pierce Pumper so that they can spread the cost over two budget years.

A good portion of the LTES expenses for January and February, were high dollar items that were budgeted for, at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Treasurer Tinker gave the treasurer's report for January and February 2015. She stated that property tax payment collection continues to be slow.

There was no report from the ZBA.

Trustee Stroud informed the Board that during the recent Planning Commission meeting the members voted to keep the same officers. The Board suggested that the Planning Commission should start looking over the master plan for future revisions.

Commissioner Hanson reported that the county will be converting to a BS&A financial system for all departments. There will be a .248 additional mill for public transportation on the May ballot.

Clerk Thompson provided board members with the financial reports.

Glen Thomsen gave an update on the bank building progress and presented the Board with budget figures. There was a discussion about the broken sign and the fact that the Village ordinance will not allow it to be replaced.

There was a motion by Thompson and 2nd by Reynnells to allow Thomsen Construction to dispose of the sign as he deems fit. All ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Craig Patterson of WODA discussed the proposed purchase of Lawrence Downs using a similar program as GENCORP. Once purchased, all units will be rehabbed and a new community building will be constructed for the use of the residents. Mr. Patterson explained that he would need the approved ordinance from the Board by April 1, 2015. Payment in lieu of taxes will remain the same.

Representatives of Aflac gave a presentation to board members. Interested persons were to sign up for additional information. Premium payments can be made via payroll deduction.

All updates and a revised survey have been provided to the board for the Barron Land Split. The split was previously approved contingent on the receipt of the revised survey. Meeting minutes will be forwarded to Anita Ghastin for land division processing.

The Ox Roast Committee has requested to move the beer tent to the bank building parking lot.

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A motion was made by Thompson and 2nd by Barnett to allow beer tent in the parking lot contingent on insurance rider, double fencing around the area and the removal of all items by Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. . . . All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Tinker relayed that there was an error in the winter tax levy at the county level. The township operating and the extra voted for roads were over collected and the Paw Paw school operating was under collected. The correction will be handled at the county level.

A motion made by Tinker and 2nd by Barnett authorized an alternative starting date of the second meeting of the 2015 board of Review to be Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 9:00 pm. And Wednesday, March 11, 2015, from 9:00 to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm. And also, to adopt the federal poverty guidelines. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Reynnells and 2nd by Stroud to approve an amendment to Ordinance No. 1, To rezone a vacant property described in the amendment from R1 to R3. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution presented by Tinker and supported by Reynnells to establish the 2015 Annual Meeting of Lawrence Township Electors for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Roll call vote. All ayes, resolution adopted. Attachment 1.

A resolution was presented by Reynnells and 2nd by Stroud to set the 2015 Budget Hearing for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m... Roll call vote. All ayes, resolution adopted. Attachment 2.

A resolution was offered by Barnett and supported by Reynnells to have to salaries for elected Board members for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2015 to remain unchanged from the previous fiscal year. Attachment 3.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Kim Thompson, Clerk

Ken Barnett, Supervisor

RESOLUTION
Setting Date for 2015 Annual Meeting
of Lawrence Township Electors

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence has for many years conducted an Annual Meeting of its Electors; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board wishes to continue the practice of conducting such a meeting for the benefit of the citizens of Lawrence Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Lawrence Township electors shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Lawrence Township Community Services Building.

Resolution offered by Tinker and supported by Reynnells.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Stroud, Barnett, Reynnells, Thompson, Tinker

No: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees, County of Van Buren, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 12, 2015.

Date: 2/12/15



Kim Thompson, Lawrence Township Clerk

RESOLUTION
Setting Date for 2015 Budget Hearing

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence has for many years conducted a budget hearing at the time of the Annual Meeting of its Electors; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board wishes to continue the practice of conducting such a hearing at the Annual Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that a hearing on Lawrence Township's 2015 budget shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Lawrence Township Community Services Building. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Resolution offered by Reynells and supported by Stroud.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Thompson, Barnett, Tinker, Stroud, Reynells

No: _____

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RESOLUTION
To Establish Lawrence Township Salaries
For Elected Board Members Beginning Fiscal Year 2015

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Laws 41.95 *et seq.* authorizes the Township Electors to consider the salary of the elected Township Board members at the annual meeting; and,

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2015, the Township Board adopted a resolution to hold the Township Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 28, 2015 and to set salaries as provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that salaries for elected Board members for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2015, shall be as follows:

Supervisor	\$ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unchanged from previous fiscal year.
Clerk	\$ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unchanged from previous fiscal year.
Treasurer	\$ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unchanged from previous fiscal year.
Trustee	\$ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unchanged from previous fiscal year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the Electors at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 28, 2015, at which time the Electors may modify this amount. Pursuant to MCLA 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the Township Officials shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

Resolution offered by Barnett and supported by Reynells.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Tinker, Reynells, Thompson, Barnett, Stroud

No: _____

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