

**Lawrence Township Regular Board Meeting
April 14, 2016**

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

Present - Barnett, Thompson, Tinker, Reynnells and Stroud

Also Present: Mark DuBay, Rick Boze, Don Hanson, Jeff Moses, Donna Spenner, Deb Boze Phil Oretsky and Cirilo Martinez.

Motion made by Stroud, 2nd by Thompson, to approve the March 10, 2016 Regular Board Minutes and the March 12, 2016 Budget Hearing Minutes as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion made by Stroud, 2nd by Reynnells, to approve the April 14, 2016 expenditures as amended. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund Totaling: \$31,865.82

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
04/14/2016	Associated Government Services	\$200.00	PC/Orid Enforcement
04/14/2016	AT&T	\$81.63	Cemetery Communications
04/14/2016	Attorney Mark DuBay	\$4,099.06	Misc/Meetings/Variance
04/14/2016	Bronsink and Bos	\$205.86	Cemetery Equipment Repair
04/14/2016	Comcast	\$14.96	Internet Service Provider
04/14/2016	Consumer's Energy	\$119.41	Utilities-GF Fire Hall
04/14/2016	Consumer's Energy	\$43.17	Utilities-Cemetery Memorial
04/14/2016	David Chapman Agency	\$7,139.60	Board & Sexton Insurance Expense
04/14/2016	Doubleday Office Products, Inc.	\$57.80	Office Supplies
04/14/2016	Election Systems & Software	\$31.60	AutoMark Maint Fee
04/14/2016	Expeditious Service, LLC	\$47.06	Process Server
04/14/2016	First National Bank - Omaha	\$11.95	Treasurer Computer Services
04/14/2016	First National Bank - Omaha	\$718.74	Postage/Cem Supplies/Website/Elections/Clerk Trn.
04/14/2016	Frontier	\$93.35	Treasurer/Board Communications
04/14/2016	Frontier	\$46.29	Cemetery Communications
04/14/2016	Michigan Election Resources	\$38.41	Election Supplies
04/14/2016	Pontem Software	\$800.00	Annual Hosting - Cemetery Software
04/14/2016	Quill	\$51.98	Office Supplies
04/14/2016	Richardson Oil	\$68.46	Cemetery Fuel
04/14/2016	Ricoh	\$203.08	Copier Contract (March & April Invoices)
04/14/2016	State of Michigan	\$209.31	Payroll Taxes
04/14/2016	Van Buren Co. Land Management	\$4,576.25	Updates/Verifications/Billing/Maps
04/14/2016	VB County Clerk	\$48.30	Voter Card Printing - 1st Q.
04/14/2016	Village of Lawrence	\$15.77	Garbage Service

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04/14/2016	Village of Lawrence	\$52.40	Utilities-Bank Bldg
04/15/2016	Vineyard Press	\$221.90	Budget Workshop/ZBA/BOR Print/Publish
	Subtotal	\$19,196.34	
	Payroll		
04/14/2016	Donna Ghastin-Neyome	\$1,984.82	Assessor Salary
04/14/2016	Ken Barnett	\$1,011.60	Supervisor Salary
04/14/2016	Kim Thompson	\$929.52	Clerk Salary
04/14/2016	Mary Tinker	\$870.04	Treasurer Salary
03/31/2016	Charles Dusek	\$17.62	ZBA Payroll
03/31/2016	Clark Matheny	\$17.62	ZBA Payroll
03/31/2016	Ernie Probyn	\$17.62	ZBA Payroll
03/31/2016	Richard Reynnells	\$18.47	ZBA Payroll
03/31/2016	Kim Thompson	\$17.62	ZBA Payroll
	Subtotal	\$4,884.93	
	Consent Items Already Paid		
04/14/2016	Barry S. Earls	\$720.95	Sexton Wages (3/18/2016)
04/14/2016	IRS	\$6,852.60	Federal Payroll Tax
04/14/2016	State of Michigan	\$40.15	State Payroll Tax
04/14/2016	Theresa Stroud	\$170.85	Dep Treasurer Wages (3/18/2016)
	Subtotal	\$7,784.55	
	Grand Total	\$31,865.82	

LTES Fund Totaling: \$38,741.32

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
04/14/2016	Aflac	\$136.37	Premium
04/14/2016	Argus-Hazco	\$720.00	SCBA Annual Flow Testing
04/14/2016	BoundTree Medical	\$748.81	QR Operating Supplies & Equipment
04/14/2016	Bronson Healthcare Group	\$125.00	Immunization - K. Mead
04/14/2016	Christina Benson	\$40.00	QR Training
04/14/2016	Comcast	\$7.49	Internet Service
04/14/2016	Consumers Energy	\$477.62	Utilities
04/14/2016	David Chapman Agency	\$10,709.40	Insurance Expense
04/14/2016	Decatur Door and Glass Service	\$345.00	Door Repair - Fire Hall
04/14/2016	Doubleday Office Products	\$1,007.19	Conference Room Chairs/Key Cabinet
04/14/2016	Field Plumbing and Heating	\$128.91	Equipment
04/14/2016	First National Bank - Omaha	\$553.53	Supplies/Equip Maint/Training/Bldg Maint
04/14/2016	Flametamer Fire Protection	\$20.00	Fire Extinguisher Inspection
04/14/2016	Frontier	\$138.89	Communications
04/14/2016	Interstate Batteries	\$99.99	Equipment Batteries
04/14/2016	Kellogg Hardware	\$209.36	FH - Building Repair/Maint
04/14/2016	Mike Anchor	\$603.26	Communications & Training Reimbursement

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04/14/2016	Moore Medical	\$142.69	QR Equipment
04/14/2016	National Business Furniture	\$3,125.01	Conference Room Tables
04/14/2016	Preferred Printing	\$8.75	Laminating Services
04/14/2016	Richardson Oil Co.	\$298.45	Fuel Expense
04/14/2016	Ricoh	\$203.09	Copier Contract (March and April invoices)
04/14/2016	Roe Comm	\$984.65	Radio for new medical truck
04/14/2016	Secure Alarm	\$408.00	Annual Fire Alarm Testing
04/14/2016	State of Michigan	\$65.56	Payroll Taxes
04/14/2016	Touchtone Communications	\$33.78	Communications
04/14/2016	Tyco Integrated Security	\$7,254.23	Access Control System - FH
04/14/2016	Village of Lawrence	\$15.77	Garbage Service
04/14/2016	Village of Lawrence	\$146.10	Utilities
	Sub Total	\$28,756.90	
	LTES Payroll		
04/14/2016	Shanna Barnett	\$70.16	Wages
04/14/2016	Kenneth Barnett	\$57.14	Wages
04/14/2016	Charles Carpp	\$64.93	Wages
04/14/2016	Michael Carpp	\$246.31	Wages
04/14/2016	Michelle Curtis	\$211.02	Wages
04/14/2016	Barry S. Earls	\$159.50	Wages
04/14/2016	James Fein	\$178.18	Wages
04/14/2016	John Gritter	\$105.45	Wages
04/14/2016	Rolla Hemingway	\$167.89	Wages
04/14/2016	Steven Leach	\$25.11	Wages
04/14/2016	Steven Lowe	\$86.23	Wages
04/14/2016	Kyle Mead	\$281.15	Wages
04/14/2016	Shawn Mead	\$55.23	Wages
04/14/2016	Eric Mills	\$106.55	Wages
04/14/2016	Jon Rader	\$109.58	Wages
04/14/2016	Linnea Rader	\$121.91	Wages
04/14/2016	Jason Spangler	\$28.25	Wages
	Sub Total	\$2,074.59	
	Consent Items Already Paid		
04/14/2016	Michael Anchor	\$1,971.43	Chief Salary (3/18/16)
04/14/2016	IRS	\$4,658.49	EFTPS Payment (1st Q 2016)
04/14/2016	Karen Hardin	\$1,105.50	Secretary Wages (3/18/16)
04/14/2016	State of Michigan	\$174.41	State Payroll Tax
	Sub Total	\$7,909.83	
	Grand Total	\$38,741.32	

Building Fund Totaling: \$365.00

Date	Expenditure	Amount	Description
04/14/2016	AGS	\$365.00	1 Bldg/1 Elect/1 Mech
	Total Proposed Expenditures	\$365.00	

The following reports were presented to the Board:

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

Rick Boze from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department informed the Board that there were 72 total calls in March 2016.

Rick Boze representing the VB Co. Road Commission informed the Board that CR 681, from 71st to 352 will be closed until late August. CR 687 in Keeler will also be closing for a project.

A resolution to approve the application for local bridge funding for 72nd Avenue bridge repair and maintenance was offered by Tinker and seconded by Stroud. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

A resolution to approve the application for local bridge funding for 48th Avenue over the Paw Paw River repair and maintenance was offered by Reynnells and seconded by Stroud. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Don Hanson reported that jail segregation is causing crowding problems. More space is needed for inmates with mental issues.

The Supreme Court will not hear the appeal for the new Covert power plant. The county must repay \$900K.

The new VB/Cass health building on the grounds of the VBISD will house a dental and a health clinic.

Chief Anchor informed the Board that there will be a \$1649.00 credit from the insurance company due to the sale of 1731.

The new QR truck 1710 has been placed in service. The Chief will be taking it to the next Arlington board meeting so they can see it.

The Chief reviewed the amounts of the annual maintenance bills.

Treasurer Tinker gave the financial report. There are now two accounts at Edgewater.

Clerk Thompson reported that new e-mail accounts have been created for all township and LTES staff. April 19, 2016 at 4:00 PM is the deadline for all Affidavit of Identity and Nominating Petitions.

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A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Reynnells to accept the Midwest Energy Co-op Telecommunications Metro Act Permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

The ZBA approved a variance request for a non-conforming garage on Hill Drive.

The Planning Commission has completed the Master Plan draft and will be sending it out to neighboring municipalities for review.

Mr. Phil Oretsky, a candidate for VB Co. Sheriff, introduced himself and gave some background information.

A motion to approve the Van Buren County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 Update was made by Tinker and seconded by Stroud. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Cirilo Martinez who is running for District Court Judge introduced himself and provided some background information.

A motion was made by Reynnells and seconded by Stroud to go into closed session to discuss legal matters. All ayes. Motion carried. Closed session began at 8:29 PM.

Closed session ended and the regular board meeting resumed at 8:47 with a motion made by Reynnells and seconded by Tinker.

Under advisement of council, there will be no further litigation of the Queen/Miller case. A motion to accept council recommendation was made by Reynnells and seconded by Stroud. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Kim Thompson, Clerk

Ken Barnett, Supervisor

RESOLUTION

**Township of Lawrence
Van Buren County, Michigan**

**Local Bridge Program
Re 48th Avenue at the Paw Paw River**

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for preventative maintenance to the bridge carrying 48th Avenue over the Paw Paw River in Lawrence Township and Arlington Township; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge is in need of preventative maintenance repairs; and,

WHEREAS, because of the deterioration of the present structure, preventative maintenance work on the structure would be in the best interest of the traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure and that plans for said preventative maintenance can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application and further we urge the approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the above captioned structure.

Resolution offered by Raynolds and supported by Stoud

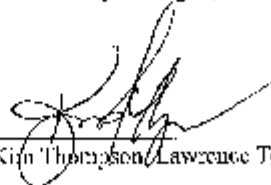
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Barnett, Thompson, Tinker, Stoud, Raynolds

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 April 14, 2016.

Date: 4/14/16



Kim Thompson, Lawrence Township Clerk

RESOLUTION

**Township of Lawrence
Van Buren County, Michigan**

**Local Bridge Program
Re 72nd Avenue over Brush Creek**

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for preventative maintenance to the bridge carrying 72nd Avenue over Brush Creek in Lawrence Township; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge is in need of preventative maintenance repairs; and,

WHEREAS, Because of the deterioration of the present structure, preventative maintenance work on the structure would be in the best interest of the traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure and that plans for said preventative maintenance can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application and further we urge the approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the above captioned structure.

Resolution offered by Tinker and supported by Stroud

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Stroud, Tinker, Thompson, Barnett, Layne/Is

No. _____

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Kimi Thompson
Kimi Thompson, Lawrence Township Clerk

RESOLUTION

**Township of Lawrence
Van Buren County, Michigan**

Adoption of the Van Buren County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 Update

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence is aware of the damages, lives lost and costs associated with disasters and recognizes the need to plan for and mitigate disasters in Van Buren County. Disasters in Van Buren County have damaged commercial, residential, and public properties, displaced citizens and businesses, closed streets and bridges and presented general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Van Buren County in cooperation with each local unit has updated the Hazard Mitigation Plan that outlines options to reduce overall damage and impact from hazards affecting Van Buren County and its local units; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 Update has been made available to the general public, business owners and federal, state and local agencies and has been revised to reflect their concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Lawrence adopts the Van Buren County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 Update as an official plan.
2. The Township of Lawrence will update its own plans and capital improvement schedules to include recommendations from the hazard mitigation plan when appropriate.
3. The Township of Lawrence will continue to provide information to the Van Buren County Office of Domestic Preparedness for future updates of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Resolution offered by Tinker and supported by Stroud

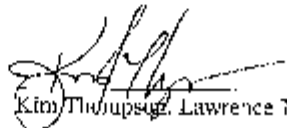
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