

**Lawrence Township Special Meeting  
March 15, 2018**

Present: Donna Spenner-Supervisor, Kim Thompson-Clerk, Theresa Stroud-Treasurer, Russ Reynnells-Trustee, Sal Campagna-Trustee

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reynnells presented information regarding the water/drain issue at 50<sup>th</sup> St near 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. The VBC Drain Commissioner, VBC Road Commission and property owners in the area, along with Reynnells reviewed the failure of the Lamphear, Witter & Heath county drain. An engineering study proposes replacing the drain to relocate water runoff. Estimated cost will be \$20,242. The county drain commissioner requires the township to pass a resolution allowing expenditures to exceed the allowed annual maintenance of \$5,000. Motion by Reynnells, supported by Campagna to approve Resolution 2018-012 Lamphear, Witter & Heath Drain Repair. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion Carried. (see Attachment 1)

Reynnells reported that after meeting with the VBC Road Commission, the VBRC will be revising the seal coat recommendations to have at least 1 mile sections to allow the discounted pricing. The new operations manager, Greg Brucks, will also have proposed maps prepared showing the recommended areas for gravel placement and weed spraying.

Spenner reminded the board that we did not include the new department for Parks & Recreation and the proposed budget of \$5,000. Thompson will add and include for the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing presentation on March 24, 2018.

With no further business to attend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Reynnells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campagna. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Special Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Kim Thompson, Clerk

Donna Spenner, Supervisor

Attachment 1

2018-012

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN  
TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

**RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS*, the Lamphear, Witter & Heath (Drain Commissioner or Intercounty Drainage Board) has advised the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.196; MSA 11.1196), an inspection has been made of the Lamphear, Witter & Heath Drain and it has been determined; as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance must be performed upon the Drain; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Lamphear, Witter & Heath Drain Commissioner has the authority to expend Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile in any one (1) year for the maintenance of the drain, and where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the governing body of each township, city and village affected by more than twenty (20%) percent of the cost; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Van Buren County Drain Commissioner has advised the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of Five Thousand Five and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile for the maintenance of the Lamphear, Witter & Heath Drain and that the Township of Lawrence; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Van Buren County Drain Commissioner estimates that the cost for the maintenance of the Lamphear, Witter & Heath Drain will be approximately \$20,242.00 Dollars, which constitutes \$15,242.00 Dollars in excess of the authorized Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees, that pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, the Van Buren County Drain Commissioner is authorized to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Lamphear, Witter & Heath Drain in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars per mile and, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Drain, then the Van Buren County Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.

RESOLUTION approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, by the

Lawrence Township Board of Trustees, governing body of the Lawrence Township.

Motion by Reynells Supported by Campagna

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

By: Donna Spenner, Supervisor  
Theresa Stroud, Treasurer  
Kim Thompson, Clerk  
Sal Campagna, Trustee  
Russ Reynells, Trustee

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Lawrence, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

  
Lawrence Township Clerk