

Lansing Township Board Minutes  
August 18, 2020  
Lansing Town Hall

Members Present: Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, Lynn Allas, Mark Ratigan, Steve Torgerson, Diana Witt, Kris Allas.

Others Present: William Stegemann, Bernie Boverhuis

Chairman Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the Agenda with additions of Grader service/samples, FEMA reimbursement, Lynn Allas seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Allas made the motion to approve the July 21, 2020 Minutes with the change of "Road Committee Report: given by Gary Braaten and Mark Ratigan that Lansing Town Board's portion of 7 Springs Lansing Township portion of road project is complete", Gary Braaten seconded and Motion passed.

Gary Braaten made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve the Claims and Payroll, and seconded by Steve Torgerson, and Motion passed.

Zoning Report: William Stegemann reported the Planning Commission met August 13, 2020 with Duane Mortensen, Steve Torgerson, and Clerk Kris Allas. The question from the meeting to the Town Board was, does the Board want to enforce it? The recommendation from the Planning Commission to the Town Board of Lansing is "that if we can't enforce it, don't pass any regulations for it." William Stegemann also pointed out that the Original Ordinance had wording for permit fees, and the Town Board repealed it a few years ago. Gary Braaten made the motion, the Town Board does not want that responsibility, Steve Torgerson seconded and Motion passed.

Road Committee: Clerk Allas presented the RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POCKET GOPHER BOUNTY IN LANSING TOWNSHIP. Clerk Allas will change the wording: shall automatically renew "at the Annual Meeting" each year. Gary Braaten made the motion to approve RESOLUTION 81820, Mark Ratigan seconded, and was passed by roll call.

Mark Ratigan: Yes

Gary Braaten: Yes

Duane Mortensen: Yes

Steve Torgerson: Yes

Lynn Allas: Yes

Yea: 5 No: 0 Clerk Allas will make the changes and Chair and Clerk will sign.

Ditch tree grinding: Gary Braaten has talked to Kyle Johnson \$200/hour, Carr \$200/hour. Mark Ratigan stated that other areas have completed tree removal over winter months. Tabled.

Duane Mortensen reported that Angel from FEMA is awaiting the State's review. Duane Mortensen will also check with Mike Hansen regarding the Worlein property/T271 – 520<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road.

Clerk Allas reported Jacob Gunnar's accident – truck that took out the Stop sign on 539<sup>th</sup> Ave/270<sup>th</sup> St has been replaced by Mower County Highway Dept and the charge of \$43.50 to be sent to Mr. Gunnar, and his insurance company Auto Owners.

Gary Braaten reported on 243<sup>rd</sup> Lee Hansen, from the curve and then North – clay in there & ditch clean up – REA moved post. Culvert across from Bill Ryther's needs attention too. SKB: Clerk Allas will invoice for the calcium chloride. Mowing ditches: RDS will be sending a bill.

Lynn Allas brought up for the Grader to be serviced and give report at the next meeting.

Subordinate Service District: Bernie Boverhuis gave the sewer/water report: Water is good, pumps and controls are good, no samples this month. 661,400 gallons for the month. Had a report of rust in the water 8/17, maybe from the elevator boring. Wastewater: pumps and controls are good, perimeter samples taken, average daily flow of 23,000 gallons/day. Lift station cleaning and routine maintenance. Bernie will check with the County for post to protect the liftstation at 540/270<sup>th</sup> intersection corner.

Clerk Allas to send John Ryther a letter signed by Chair for it being not feasible for wastewater in and around SKB area. Bernie believes the capacity of the ponds are at 80%, can add maybe 12 services. Mark Ratigan would like reports for the SSD receipts and payments broke down separately from the general and road/bridge.

Duane Mortensen recommends that the SKB Host Fee build up to \$100,000, and be distributed equally between all funds and promote the sewer percentage.

Website: Lynn Allas made the motion to renew the annual fee and reimburse Bill Stegemann, Gary Braaten seconded, motion passed.

Discussion of COVID CARES FUNDS: Lynn Allas spoke with (Jaguar Communications) now MetroNet about internet for the town hall and shop 100 MB for approximately \$99.95/month, smart board, computer, sound system, wireless printer. Business hardship for some of the township businesses. Duane Mortensen made the motion to get internet thru (Jaguar Communications) now MetroNet, Gary Braaten seconded, motion passed. Clerk Allas to list the losses from COVID.

Firecall: find address and send invoice to 2910 12 Ave NW owners.

Steve Torgerson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 pm, Mark Ratigan seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk