

Lansing Township Board Minutes
March 21, 2023
Lansing Town Hall

Members Present: Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, Mark Ratigan, Robert Morgan, Steve Torgerson, Treasurer Diana Witt., Kristine Allas, Bernie Boverhuis.

Clerk Kristine Allas opened the meeting at 7:08 pm, with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Oath and Acceptance was given by Clerk Kristine Allas to Duane Mortensen as Supervisor.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to nominate Duane Mortensen as Chairman, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to nominate Supervisor Gary Braaten as Vice Chairman, Chairman Duane Mortensen seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to appoint Supervisor Robert Morgan, Supervisor Steve Torgerson, Supervisor Mark Ratigan, and Clerk Kristine Allas to the Planning Commission, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to appoint Chairman Duane Mortensen & Supervisor Gary Braaten to the Fire Committee, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and motion passed.

Chairman Duane Mortensen made the motion to appoint Supervisor Mark Ratigan & Supervisor Gary Braaten to the Road Committee, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded, and motion passed.

Chairman Duane Mortensen made the motion to appoint Supervisor Robert Morgan, Treasurer Diana Witt, Maintenance Bernie Boverhuis, and Clerk Kristine Allas (as secretary) to the Subordinate Service District, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to accept Austin Newspapers (Daily Herald) as official newspaper, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Duane Mortensen made the motion to accept MBT Bank as the official bank of the Township, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

Chairman Robert Morgan made the motion to appoint Chairman Duane Mortensen or Vice Chairman Gary Braaten, and Treasurer Diana Witt, and Clerk Kristine Allas as signers on the checks, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to appoint Attorney Troy Gilchrist as the Township's official legal advisor, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to have the monthly Board meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve the Agenda, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the Minutes of February 21, 2023, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Duane Mortensen made the motion to approve the Special Meeting of Budget/Audit Minutes of March 9, 2023, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Diana Witt presented the Treasurer's Report with a total ending balance on hand of \$453,377.54, with the bathroom renovations totaling \$11,545.41 and furnace \$10,000, Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and approve to pay the claims and payroll, Supervisor Duane Mortensen seconded, motion passed.

Zoning Report included liquor license for 2023: Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to grant the license to Meadow Greens, Robert Morgan seconded. Motion passed. Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to grant the license to Prime Stein LLC dba Lansing Corners, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Subordinate Service District Report given by Bernie Boverhuis: Water: All pumps and controls are working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. All weekly samples taken were okay. Quarterly bacteria and fluoride samples were taken on 3/15 and sent to labs for analysis as required. I'm waiting for the results. Total water usage for February was 417,550 gallons. Wastewater: all pumps and controls working properly at this time, no problems to report. No samples are required to be taken this month. I will begin transferring ponds this week to prepare for my first spring discharge. The average daily flow to the ponds for February was 18,000 gallons per day. Those delinquents will have "shut off" warning by B Boverhuis after April 15th.

Road Committee Report: Supervisor Mark Ratigan reported Fetts are parking back in the right away/road – 2 trailers. Supervisor Gary Braaten reported the roads were better, but more garbage placed in the road ditches again. Supervisor Gary Braaten and Supervisor Mark Ratigan will seek quotes for the April 18th meeting.

Firecalls: no charge on car fire Hwy 218.

ARPA Funds: Clerk Allas will submit by the April 30th deadline.

Website Update: Chairman Duane Mortensen will contact Matthew Steiner in Brownsdale with Aurora Web Solutions.

Annual Meeting & Election 2023: It was the consensus of the Board that it went well.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m., Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk