

Lansing Township Board Minutes
March 15, 2022
Lansing Town Hall

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

Chairperson Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Oath and Acceptance was given by Clerk Allas to Supervisor Mark Ratigan, and Supervisor Robert Morgan.

Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to approve the Agenda, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to appoint Duane Mortensen as Chairman, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to appoint Supervisor Gary Braaten as Vice Chairman, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to appoint Supervisor Robert Morgan to the Planning Commission, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

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

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

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

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

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

Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to appoint Attorney Troy Gilchrist as the Township's official legal advisor, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to have the monthly Board meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, Supervisor Gary Braaten seconded, and motion passed.

Minutes were reviewed from the February 15, 2022 Board Meeting, Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to accept as written, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Clerk Kristine Allas gave the report as written. Balance on Hand \$374,327.74. Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to table the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report until Treasurer Witt is available for questions, Chairman Duane Mortensen seconded, and motion passed. Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to pay Claims/Payroll, except Kennedy Graven (K Alm), Mower County Historical Society, and MetroNet (after Clerk Allas inquires), Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, motion passed. Chairman Duane Mortensen to review with Treasurer Diana Witt regarding the Austin Area Foundation/Worlein escrow.

Zoning Report: Resolution for Redistricting Election: Chairman Duane Mortensen read the Resolution, Supervisor Mark Ratigan made the motion to approve the Resolution dated March 15, 2022, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded and motion passed.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Mark Ratigan: Yes

Supervisor Gary Braaten: Yes

Chairman Duane Mortensen: Yes

Supervisor Steve Torgerson: Yes

Supervisor Robert Morgan: Yes

Water/Wastewater Report: None

Road Committee Report was presented by Supervisor Mark Ratigan. Bids were discussed:

Bids to be let:

Road Rock Class 2: $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1"

Hauling:

Road Rock: clean 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " – no fines

Hauling

Ditch Mowing – 2 times/year

Gravel

Wastewater Ponds for hay: 4.59 acres for 5 years.

(Clerk Allas to use the same language as last year's bids, published in the Austin Newspapers, Lansing Township Website, posted at post office, and at the townhall.)

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the suggestion to get quotes from Koehler Yard for lawn mowing, Freeborn County Coop for calcium chloride; Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve the bid process and seek quotes, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and motion passed.

Website: None.

Supervisor Steve Torgerson made the motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m., Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk