

Lansing Township Board Minutes

October 15, 2024

Lansing Town Hall

Members Present: Duane Mortensen, Gary Braaten, Robert Morgan, Steve Torgerson, Mark Ratigan, Treasurer Diana Witt, Township Clerk Kristine Allas, Public Works/Maintenance Bernie Boverhuis.

Chairperson Duane Mortensen called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the September 17, 2024, Minutes with the addition of Michael Ruhland, owner of property leased to Hush Exercise, Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with ending balance of \$328,159.79, and to pay the claims/invoices, and payroll, Supervisor Robert Morgan seconded, and motion passed.

Zoning Report: Chairman Mortensen brought up the Orth property/boat/asbestos, and Clerk Kristine Allas presented the invoices Hansen Hauling & Excavating Inc \$3,026.06; Asbesterol Inc \$1,544.30; Asbesterol Inc \$351.00; certified mail cost of \$8.95, 2½ hours of Clerk's time to file and draft the following documents: Resolution to Collect Unpaid Nuisance & Special Assessment Certificate of \$5,026.31 will be assessed if no payment; letter and copies mailed to the Peggy Orth Estate, to Jacqueline Orth.

Chairman Mortensen presented the Joint Powers Agreement Between the County of Mower and Lansing Township for the Enforcement and Regulation of Cannabis; Supervisor Robert Morgan made the motion to approve signing the agreement with the County, Supervisor Mark Ratigan seconded, and Clerk Kristine Allas will personally take it to Val Sheedy's office at Mower County.

T Stafford has not paid per his agreement with the Township, Treasurer Diana Witt will send a letter to him to pay up.

M. Learn has a building permit for a new addition.

The bike rack will be here next month, Darin Nelson is building it.

Water Report: All pumps and controls working properly, with no problems to report this month. All weekly samples taken were OK. Received results from bacteria, chlorine, fluoride, and nitrate samples were taken and sent to lab. All results were ok. He finished the inventory of service lines and submitted forms required to MDH. Met with MDH 9/24, and samples were taken at point of entry and randomly through system and are waiting for these results. Total water usage for September 2024 was 502,000 gallons. Wastewater: All pumps and controls working properly at this time with no problems to report this month. Completed first fall discharge cycle from 9/19 - 9/26/2024. Two samples taken during discharge were ok. Influent quarterly samples were taken on 9/20 as required. Transferred Primary Pond to Secondary Pond in preparation for second fall discharge. The average daily flow to the ponds for September 2024 was 23,000 gallons per day. D Sinkink delinquent \$408 and T Stafford \$880 (delinquent shut-off tag) with reconnection fee of \$150 with the total bill to be paid in full.

Road Committee Report: Supervisor Mark Ratigan reported that the boat/garbage is gone near Orth Estate property. Falls FMS – 1 Scarifier front of grader, cuts 1/1½” prior to before front grader tires – evens out the bumps to alleviate wash boards. \$9,900 to the grader from Ziegler. Supervisor Gary Braaten reported the ditch on 243rd needs to be cleaned (re-do 31st and 12th)? 7 Springs needs to be cut out – sign to Worlein property – take sign down by John Taylors – people are sneaking up to the north side of it.

Election: Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to approve Sue Thorpe, Deb Long, John Ryther, Sue Wollenburg, Elaine Braaten, Tammy Boverhuis, Kay Torgerson, Duane Mortensen (Alternate Head Judge), Kristine Allas (Head Election Judge), Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Fire calls: 2 medical lift assists to same address, Clerk Kristine Allas will check with DHS for a well check. 1 auto fire.

Supervisor Gary Braaten made the motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., Supervisor Steve Torgerson seconded, and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine M. Allas, Clerk