

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2019

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR DICK STAUFFER FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

- Budget public hearing and any necessary budget adjustments
- Marijuana discussion about opt-out ordinance
- Approve 5year loan for purchase of fire truck
- Resolution to approve refunding contract and authorizing actions with respect to the Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority refunding bonds.

Notice was posted March 13, 2019.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, MI 49127.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Stone, Smith, and Stauffer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried.** Norbey moved, seconded by Florian, to open the budget public hearing, 6:05 pm.

Loar-Porter presented a PowerPoint Presentation reviewing the 2019-20. **Attachment A.**

**Close Public Hearing at 6:20pm. Motion Carried.**

**Resolution to Approve 2019-2020 Budget, wages, and Set 2019 Millage Rates. Motion Carried.** Moved by Loar-Porter, seconded by Norbey, to approve the resolution to adopt the annual budget and to set the 2018 millage rates pursuant to the General Appropriations Act, and approve the 2018-2019 wage schedules. *Resolution # 19-05. Attachment B.* Roll Call vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading to approve Ordinance to add Chapter 23 to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance to amend the compilation of ordinances of the Township to add a new chapter 23 to prohibit marihuana establishment within the Township. Once LARA has established guideline for the licensing of Recreational Marihuana, the Planning Commission along with legal council will review the guidelines and make a recommendation to the board. The Planning Commission felt they could not make an opinion at this time due to lack of information from LARA. *Ordinance # 19-01. Attachment C.* Roll call vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

Four residents spoke in favor of the Township opting out of recreational marihuana. Each spoke on the effects they felt having establishment in the area would have on the Township and the residents. They stated they did not feel the possibility of revenue would out weight the problems it would cause.

**Loan for new Fire Department Truck**

Loar-Porter presented the bids received on funding for the truck. Bids were submitted by; United Federal Credit Union, Horizon Bank, Honor Credit Union and Chemical Bank. United Federal Credit Union interest rate was the lowest at 2.82%.

**Approve loan process to proceed through UFCU. Motion Carried.** Florian moved, seconded by Stone, to approve a \$550,000 loan through United Federal Credit Union for 5 years at 2.82% interest rate.

**Refunding of Hickory Creek Bond.**

Smith explained that the Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority is refunding the current bond they have for the work done on Hickory Creek. The new bond does not extend the life of the bond. It is estimated to save the authority \$400,000 in interest. The old rate was 6% the new bond rate will be 3.35%. The board requested a copy of the savings report form Robert W. Baird & Co. that supports the refunding of the prior bonds.

**Resolution of Refunding. Motion Carried.** Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stone, to approve a resolution approving the refunding contract and authorizing actions with respect to the Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority sanitary sewer system refunding bonds, series, 2019A. *Resolution # 19-06. Attachment D.* Roll call vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer and Stone. Nays: None.

**Budget Adjustments. Approved.** Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stone to approve the budget adjustments as presented.

EXPENDITURES		Budget	Adjustment	Amended Budget	
<b><u>Twp Board</u></b>					
101-101-818.8	Contracted Services/Grant	31,000	5,000	<b>36,000</b>	1
101-101-826	Legal Services	15,000	5,000	<b>20,000</b>	2
<b><u>Elections</u></b>					
101-262-740	Opertaing Supplies	5,500	1,000	<b>6,500</b>	3
<b><u>Fire Department</u></b>					
101-336-937	R&M/Vechiles	20,000	15,000	<b>35,000</b>	4
1. Enginnering work on Roosevelt path					
2. Legal on Glenwood					
3. St. Joseph School election in May, will be reimbursed					
4. Work on trucks & station duty hours					

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.