

Lyon Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: recited

Roll Call of Board Members: Tatro, Schnell, Grier, Carlson, Tomak – Present. Also present were 23 members of the public.

1. Motion by Schnell supported by Grier to approve the agenda. Yeas:5 Nays:0 Motion Carried
2. Motion by Tomak supported by Carlson to accept minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated May 18, 2022, and the Work Session dated June 8, 2022. Yeas:5 Nays:0 Motion Carried
3. Motion by Tatro supported by Schnell to pay the Vendors May 13, 2022 through June 10, 2022 in the amount of \$54,213.08, and to approve payroll in the amount of \$35,219.59 for pay periods from May 16, 2022 through June 15, 2022.

Roll Call: Tatro Y, Schnell Y, Grier Y, Carlson Y, Tomak Y. Motion Carried

4. Motion by Tomak supported by Tatro to accept the treasurer’s report dated May 31, 2022 as presented. Yeas:5 Nays:0 Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Motion by Carlson supported by Schnell to approve Resolution 2022-GLUA1, Tentative Declaration of Intent to Make Public Improvements, Tentative Designation of Special Assessment District, and Notice of Public Hearing, as presented.

Roll Call: Tatro Y, Schnell Y, Grier Y, Carlson Y, Tomak Y.

6. Motion Carried Motion by Schnell, supported by Grier to Resolution 22-010, Concerning the Township’s Tentative Declaration of Intent to make Public Improvements around Higgins Lake, as presented.

Roll Call: Tatro Y, Schnell Y, Grier Y, Carlson Y, Tomak Y. Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Knific commented he is against the Sewer, feels problems with pipes. Dave Hobson – likes that board does the pledge of allegiance, questions the STEP system, inflation and interest rates. Patty Dennis – in support of the Board and Sewer, feels we need to trust the Engineers, could be an ecological disaster to do nothing, do what’s best for the water. Dr. Mark Luttenton – he is a biologist that has studied Higgins Lake, the lake is changing for the worse, wells are testing for nitrates, with 10% of wells could cause health issues. Tim ORourke – disputes well studies for nitrates, questions “affordable” part of the resolution, questions invalid petitions. Sam Boodian Jr. – doesn’t feel STEP system is a real sewer, why wasn’t Camp Curnalia system considered to be tied into. Bill Barker – would like to see a tiered payment of system.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Steve Schultz (Lyon Township Attorney): Township boards are not able to do advisory votes, both PA188 and 233 do not offer a voting option. Explained why past petitions are invalid because there was no project approved.

Supervisor Tatro: Asked the public to help police the recycling bins, said the board would seek input on what is a reasonable cost of possible assessment in the future.

Clerk Schnell: explained why this Step System is being used, and all of the other systems and options were looked at in the PER Study from 2018

Treasurer Grier: Taxes going out in July, First Summer concert at Park 27 is this Saturday

Trustee Tomak: Building Department is busy, Cemetery looks Great!

Trustee Carlson: Planning Commission is working on Septic Ordinance; Grant money will be actively researched to make the sewer possible

Motion by Tomak, supported by Grier to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 5. M: Carried

Time of Adjournment 7:41 pm

Clerk Schnell

Supervisor Tatro