

Lyon Township Monthly Board Meeting Minutes January 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of officers showed all were present to form a quorum.

Motion by Munoz, supported by Williams, to approve the agenda. Yeas: all. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Motion by Bartel, supported by Williams, to accept minutes of the December 15, 2017 Work Session, the December 20, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes and the December 20, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes. Yeas: all. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Motion by Munoz, supported by Carlson, to pay the bills for January 2018. Yeas: all. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Motion by Nellist, supported by Munoz, to accept the treasurer's report for December 2017 as presented. Yeas: all. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Correspondence: none.

New Business:

Motion by Williams, supported by Carlson, to approve the budget amendments as stated on the Budget Amendment Statement dated January 17, 2018. Yeas: all. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Motion by Bartel, supported by Williams, to adopt 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions. Yeas: all. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Old Business: none.

Guest Speakers: none.

Reports:

Bartel: Minutes being added to our website: Nov 6th and Dec 4th Planning Commission Meetings and the Nov 17th Recreation Committee.

Munoz: RADL Fundraiser is February 11th--\$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door. Recreation report included the approval of the 5 Year Plan, award of a grant from the Roscommon Rotary, denied the trail grant, the ice rink is now open to the public, estimate for lights for the ball field is \$81,000-grants being sought, estimate for tether ball playground equipment is 327.00 including shipping. The 4th of July parade will be held on July 7th this year.

Carlson: Planning Commission met last month and reelected its officers – Riley as Chairman, Chippa as Co-Chairman, and Hnizda as Secretary. They have finished their annual report; it will be up for approval at next month's meeting. Carlson has contacted Gerrish about attending their PC meeting --first Thursday of month at 7:30 pm, regarding septic tank inspections.

Riley (absent):

Cemetery – Nellist: the cemetery roads are being snow plowed for drivability.

HLUA-Cook: HLUA had its meeting last week, its financial audit was completed, and O & M fees are being reviewed by Wade Trim as to a possible increase this summer. The next meeting will be moved to February 9 2018 at 10:00 am. Regarding the North State Park connection, a letter was received from the DNR stating it does not agree with the proposed proposal. They would like for the two township supervisors to renegotiate.

Ordinance-Bartel: There were 5 liquor inspections this month. Three complaints were received this month, 1 is closed and 2 are being worked on.

Cunningham: He is rebuilding the boat dock. A short discussion on the ice rink took place.

Cleeves (absent):

Fire-Williams: There were 25 runs for December – 1 fire and 24 EMS, a 16.8% increase over 2016.

Serv Pro is finishing up with area businesses. A class, Officer 1 & 2, is being taught at the station. It is an 80 hour class and 6 from our fire department are attending. The station is holding a series of classes, all of which are either registered or being registered with MI Fire Fighters Training Council. All classes are paid for by the Training Council Funds (from fireworks).

Williams: Treasurer's office will be open on Wednesday, February 28th until 5:00 pm to collect taxes-last day to pay July/December 2017 taxes at the township, without penalty*. On Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Fire Station from 8:00 am to 10:00 am for Winterfest. Additionally, FOLT is having a fundraiser pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 4th from 8:00 am – noon.

Nellist:

Parks – Nellist gave a short presentation on some of the playground equipment that the township's recreation committee is considering for Phoenix Park; costs are being assessed before seeking the board's approval.

Building – receipts for the month of December are: building - \$302.00; electrical - \$456.00; mechanical - \$305.00; and plumbing – none, for a grand total of \$1063.00.

Public Comments:

*Resident questioned and Williams corrected that any taxes collected between February 14 and February 28 will have penalties but it is the last day that July/December 2017 taxes can be paid at the township hall.

Bruce of the FOLT read the menu for the fundraiser breakfast: pancakes, eggs, ham, sausage, OJ, and coffee. There is a 50-50 drawing. Need a few more volunteers to help out.

Sam stated that after 1 ½ years, Friends of Lyon Township (FOLT), is now a tax-exempt 501C3 and can help the township in obtaining grants. It is mainly focused on the Parks and Recreation area in the township. February 3rd is the International 500 in Sault St Marie, MI. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It can be watched at www.i500.com. He inquired if the ice rink was on our website (included in next update) and if the HLRCO is aware of the new ice rink (yes). He would like to get a banner for the ice rink in Park 27.

Fishing report (informal): perch are biting; smelt are coming back.

Motion by Carlson, supported by Munoz, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all. Nays: none. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.