

# **Lyon Township**

## **Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

### **November 15, 2017**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Carlson, Bartel, Nellist, Munoz. Absent: Williams

Motion by Munoz, supported by Carlson, to approve the agenda with correction to meeting date.

Yeas: 4. Nays: none. Absent: 1. Motion passed.

Motion by Carlson, supported by Munoz, to accept minutes of the Work Sessions dated October 11 ~~18~~ and November 8, and the Monthly board Meeting of October 18. Yeas: 4. Nays: none. Absent: 1. Motion passed.

Motion by Bartel, supported by Nellist, to pay the bills for November 2017. Yeas: 4. Nays: none. Absent: 1. Motion passed.

Motion by Nellist, supported by Munoz, to accept the treasurer's report for October 2017 as presented. Yeas: 4. Nays: none. Absent: 1. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** From HLSIO, a letter from its board and the SIS's Annual Report for Year 3 dated October 24, 2017.

#### **New Business:**

Motion by Nellist, supported by Carlson, to approve the budget amendments as stated on the Budget Amendment Statement dated November 15, 2017. Yeas: 4. Nays: none. Absent: 1. Motion passed.

Motion by Munoz, supported by Bartel, to show the board's support with a letter of support for the Higgins Lake Foundation's efforts for the proposal to the MI-DNR to prevent new Aquatic Invasive Species in and around our lake. Yeas: 4. Nays: none. Absent: 1. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** None

**Guest Speakers:** None

#### **Reports:**

**Bartel:** The September 19 Recreation and the October 9 Planning Commission minutes are available and will be posted to our website. Two of the three keys loaned to Beckman's have been returned. Taxes are going out December 1 with our winter newsletter. There is a change to the 2018 compost hours for the months of May, October and November to Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday (was four days/week) due to reduction in maintenance staff. Other items in the newsletter include spring leaf pick up, swimmers itch synopsis, and the new annual road end dock application.

**Munoz:** Library hosted its first Halloween event – 29 trick or treaters, Patrons' Day is November 17, 2017, new computers ordered, \$800,000 was paid off in 3 years – the public has been very supportive. Recreation committee met last night, discussed items were pitcher pumps for the dog park, probability of not receiving the trail grant, updating play equipment for Phoenix Park.

**Planning Commission:** Carlson for Riley, the 20 year plan continued to be reviewed with minor updates needed on maps and acknowledgements. There have been no material changes necessary nor requests for industrial zoning. After the 2020 census, the data will be used for a new plan. Nellist inquired on how the PC reaches the public. The PC has monthly meetings which are open to the public.

**Ordinance:** Bartel for Riley, there were two complaints this month -1 mailbox and 1 dumping in the lake, 2 burn permits were issued, and 6 liquor inspections were made.

**Cemetery:** Bartel for Riley, there was 1 full burial, 2 cremations, and 2 plots sold.

**HLUA:** Cook for Riley, reviewing the annual financial audit and considering an increase to the OEM fees to boost the recommended savings fund which is underfunded. Before increasing the OEM fees, there will be discussions, informational letters to all members, informational Public Hearing, then a vote. Paul Tatro, who had indicated that he was ready to retire, submitted a new 2 year contract to continue to manage HLUA. The new contract contains changes to the dollar amounts, dates and many throughout the body of the contract. Wade Trim offered to provide this function for HLUA as they do for many others throughout the state, although HLUA is considerably smaller than most. Bartel asked if there has been an official response to the State DNR addition. Cook has not heard but that they were metering usage to get exact usage amount, which is relevant to the price. They could operate 2-3 more years. Cook stated that the current flow takes 2 years to get thru where it should only take 6 months. It is designed for more usage.

**Maintenance:** Parks, cemetery and township hall/offices are winterized. Toro is ready for next year but is wearing out. Ice Rink is scheduled for build on Monday, November 27 at 9:00 am. Cunningham would like to show the instructional video beforehand and then start the build. Leaf pickup will continue until the weather prevents it.

**Fire Department:** Cunningham for Cleaves, there were 12 runs – 1 fire and 11 EMS; business meetings with continuing education were held; 2018 training schedule is ready.

**Parks:** Nellist: On December 1, a port-a-potty will be installed at Park 27 near the ice rink and remain there throughout the season. The bases on the ball field need to come in.

**Building Department:** Receipts for the month of October 2017 are: building - \$1191.00; electrical - \$405.00; mechanical \$646.00; and plumbing - \$198.00 for a grand total of \$2440.00.

**Public Comments:** Boodoian inquired about HLUA/CCCOA finances, membership vote, and was earlier guaranteed that no addition charge will be added on to veteran's fees if we go with state park.

A resident stated that his neighbor received a packet from the power company requesting an additional 10 feet in the right of way, in Birch Lodge by the lake. The township has not received information on this. Boodoian mentioned the annual snowmobile race in Sault St Marie. Munoz reminded all of the RADL wine tasting fundraiser held in February.

Motion by Carlson, supported by Munoz, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Prepared by Deputy Clerk Mary Kelly and are subject to approval, upon which, will be posted to [www.lyontownship.org](http://www.lyontownship.org).