

LYON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Motion by Munoz, supported by Williams to approve the agenda as changed. Yeas: All Nays: None Roll Call: Riley, Barioni, Nellist, Williams, Munoz
2. Motion by Williams, supported by Riley to accept the minutes and synopsis of the January 13, 2016 Budget Meeting. Yeas: All Nays: None
3. Motion by Williams, supported by Munoz to accept the minutes and synopsis of the January 15, 2016 Work Session. Yeas: All Nays: None
4. Motion by Nellist, supported by Williams to accept the minutes and synopsis of the January 20, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting. Yeas: All Nays: None
5. Motion by Williams, supported by Munoz to accept the minutes and synopsis of the January 27, 2016 Budget Meeting. Yeas: All Nays: None
6. Motion by Nellist, supported by Riley to pay the bills for February 2016. Yeas: All Nays: None
7. Motion by Munoz, supported by Nellist to accept the treasurer's report through January 31 2016 as presented. Yeas: All Nays: None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Barioni stated there was a correspondence from Up North Prevention-It stated there is a meeting in April 2016 committed to underage drinking prevention, Barioni said that she received a letter from MI Pipeline Awareness Program with information that they are going to have a meeting March 9 at 11:30 and 5:30 at the Ramada Inn in Grayling. Barioni stated she could get information to anyone interested. Barioni said that Election Budget Information came from Michelle Stevenson letting the public and board know that local money will be needed and Jodi Valentino, County Controller, wants the board to be aware Roscommon County special response team usually charges fire departments for hazardous material, but they are waiving this fee for 2016 .

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Scott Cook from the DNR and Larry Fox from CTAE- They explained they were hired by the State of Michigan to do an evaluation as to the feasibility of connecting to the Sewer Authority. They are going to look at the flows and other elements of the present system to see which would be more effective, keeping the existing system or connecting with the Sewer Authority.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion by Munoz, supported by Williams to approve the following changes to the Recreation Committee Bylaws: change from 7 to 5 members, eliminate the mandate of maintenance person to be on the committee, and upon three unexcused meeting absences per calendar year, the member will be removed.

Roll Call Vote: Riley-Yea, Williams-Yea, Munoz-Yea, Nellist-Yeah, Barioni-Yea

- Motion by Nellist, supported by Barioni to complete the evaluation and change the pay to \$10.71 for Tim Riley, Ordinance Officer.

Roll Call Vote: Munoz-Yea, Williams, Barioni-Yea, Nellist-Yea, Riley-Abstain

- Motion by Munoz, supported by Williams to accept Brian R. Cook as interim appointment to HULA to fulfil John Nellist's term. Attendance of HULA meetings and monthly evaluations are required.

Roll Call Vote: Barioni-Yea, Riley-Yea, Williams-Yea, Munoz-Yea, Nellist-Yea

- Motion by Williams, supported by Riley to write a letter to the U.S Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, stating that we are not in favor of Gerrish Township's Federal Permit #MB56627B, dated 2/2015 to address the swimmer's itch concerns in Higgins Lake. Yeas: All Nays: None

- Motion by Nellist, supported by Barioni to appoint Tim Riley as the Cemetery Sexton at \$10.71 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: Nellist-Yea, Munoz-Yea, Williams-Yea, Barioni-Yea, Riley-Abstain

- Motion by Williams, supported by Barioni to approve Proactive Coverage Option at a cost of \$15.00 per computer, for a total of \$150.00 per year. Yeas: All Nays: None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Motion by Munoz, supported by Nellist to approve a charge/Check Expense Form for budget monitoring. Yeas: All Nays: None

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Munoz reported that there is a conference sponsored by the Michigan Association of Planning and it was suggested they go for training. The cost was \$650

and then \$75 per person. Munoz called MTA and they felt that MTA offers the same type of conferences so this would not be needed. It was discussed at the work session and board members also decided against the conference. The next meeting is March 10.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Munoz reported a woman would be preparing a poster announcing a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September at either the town hall or the Fire Hall. The meeting will be held to encourage business owners and help them in any way possible. Munoz and Boodoian will take the posters to businesses. She announced there are possibly three new businesses going in at Four Mile Road. The next meeting will on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of February.

**CEMETERY/PARKS/MAINT:** Nellist gave a report on the cemetery. There was a casket put in storage for spring. Riley reported that in the fall there was major tree trimming in the cemetery. Nellist reported on the parks that playground equipment for 5-12 year olds are slated to be installed in early spring. Williams made the statement that Steve Reno resigned. There was going to be a temporary hiring, and then ads will be placed for the position. The temporary position will be held by Ron Cunningham.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Cleeves talked about a number of training sessions attended by the department, and mentioned the grants received. He also stated that there are plans available for the new fire hall for those interested in bidding on the project.

**ORDINANCE OFFICER:** Riley stated there were no complaints or fire permits issued and said there were five liquor inspections.

**BUILDING DEPT. REPORT:** Nellist reported there were no new building permits issued.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Nellist stated the Board of Review meeting will be March 2, 2016.

**LIBRARY & RECREATION REPORT:** Munoz talked about Casey, head of the library, and praised him for the job he is doing. She mentioned the wine fundraiser for the library and stated it was a success. She stated that the recreation committee just revised their bylaws and the committee will work on updating the five year plan. She mentioned the playground equipment for children 5-12 has been ordered. She stated a dog park will be going in this spring. She said that a grant will be submitted to the Roscommon Community Foundation for six new swings for infants.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Barioni stated that the minutes are now online. She said the fire department and EMS will have a tab too.

**BOARD COMENTS:** Riley attended the RTA meeting and said the president of the college gave an update on the new building. He stated they are hoping to have it open in August. He

mentioned that a representative from Consumers was there and talked about how all meters will be hooked up to Verizon so that there will no longer be estimates, and he also stated that individuals will be able to check their electric usage online daily. Riley said Consumers will be changing meters. Riley also mentioned that because of the gas tax passed by the State, Lyon Township will receive more money for road repair. The next RTA meeting will be April 21.

Williams said he had a communication from the public schools, and it was stated they no longer want school taxes collected in the summer. He stated they want all school tax collected in the winter therefore winter tax bills will be larger. Williams said that the overall yearly taxes will be the same. He also said that there will still be a summer tax bill since the State wants their taxes collected in the summer. Williams stated that he will keep reminding people of this each month so that they are aware of it when it happens. Williams also stated that this is not a township decision but a school decision. Williams talked about the section of road by the North State Park. It was suggested that Lyon Township take over that road, and with more money coming in from the road commission it would be a good time to make the switch. He stated that Crawford does not have any intention of fixing that road so it would be a benefit to Lyon Township to have that road fixed. He said that Lyon Township will send a letter to the Road Commission and then the Road Commission will make a request that Crawford relinquish that section of road.

Nellist talked about Winterfest and stated that those he talked to said they enjoyed it. He said that next year the plan is to get Lyon Township more involved in Winterfest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-There was a question about whether or not there were trash containers at the boat ramp. Nellist said he would check on that.

Sam Boodoian stated that when Lyon Township had their swimmer's itch meeting SICON said they would be willing to have a mediator and when Gerrish was asked if they would agree, Frank Homola would not respond and has not responded. He wanted it noted that SICON was open and willing to have a mediator. Boodoian also gave summary of the I-500, and also stated he attended the drag races at the Winterfest.

Motion by Williams, second by Riley to adjourn. Yeas: All Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

The minutes were prepared by Diane Nellist

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Clerk, Terry Barioni

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Supervisor, Edward Nellist