

Lyon Township
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Williams, supported by Riley, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: 5
Nays: None.

Roll Call: Present: Nellist, Williams, Barioni, Riley, Munoz

Motion by Williams supported by Riley, CARRIED, to accept minutes of the Special Meeting on
December 4, 2015 Yeas: 5 Nays: None.

Motion by Nellist, supported by Williams, CARRIED, to accept the Special Meeting Synopsis of the
December 4, 2015 meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, supported by Munoz, CARRIED, to accept the Minutes of the December 11, 2015
Work Session. Yeas: 5 Nays: none.

Motion by Williams supported by Munoz, CARRIED, to accept the December 11, 2015 Work Session
Synopsis. Yeas: 5 Nays: None.

Motion by Williams supported by Nellist, CARRIED, to accept minutes of the December 16, 2015
Monthly Board Meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: None

Motion by Williams, supported by Munoz, CARRIED, to accept the December 16, 2015 synopsis of the
monthly board meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: None

Motion by Williams supported by Riley, CARRIED, to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on
December 28, 2015 Yeas: 5 Nays: None

Motion by Williams supported by Munoz, CARRIED, to accept the Special Meeting Synopsis of the
December 28, 2015 meeting Yeas: 5 Nays: None

Motion by Munoz supported by Nellist, CARRIED, to pay the bills for the month of January 2016, Yeas: 5
Nays: None.

Motion by Riley supported by Nellist, CARRIED, to accept the treasurer's report for December 1 – 31,
2015. Yeas: 5 Nays: none

CORRESPONDENCE: There was correspondence from the Roscommon and Denton joint planning commission. They are planning a meeting to look at a joint area master plan. Their last plan was in 2001. Barioni stated that if anyone wants to make comments or suggestions she has addresses where they can be sent.

GUESS SPEAKERS: Tom Kelly Candidate for Roscommon County Sheriff. He stated he lives in Lyon Township and has for the past 20 years. He also stated he has been on the fire Department for many years. He said his goal is to put the community first. He would like all deputies be required to go on medical emergency calls and be prepared for them with basic first aid certifications. He then gave a synopsis of his background stating that he has worked on fire departments, as first responders, and as a police officer. He stated he went to the DNR Law enforcement academy and worked as a commissioned officer for the state. He believes he is qualified for the position. He wants the canine units to come back. He stated he will have an open door policy so that people to come in and discuss problems or issues. He wants to see more cars on I-75 and I-127. He wants to see cars on all roads, Primary and secondary.

An audience member asked Kelly if someone was running against him, and he stated he thought just the present sheriff. He was asked if he was running as a Democrat or Republican, and he stated he was running as a Democrat.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Munoz, supported by Williams to have Ron Tomak attend an Advanced BOR seminar, and alternate Fred Koenigbauer to attend two seminars, beginner and advanced. Each will receive a new book. Total cost of \$366.00. Yeas: 5 Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Williams, supported by Riley to approve the reimbursement to (Jim Tress) of \$30.00 for an electrical inspection that was not necessary. Yeas: 5 Nays: none.

Motion by Williams, supported by Nellist to approve an amended resolution of the Lyon Township Board regarding vacating a portion of Forest Avenue, adjacent to lots 4, 7, 8 and 9, block 16 in the plat of Evergreen Subdivision. Roll Call Vote: Barioni - yea, Munoz-yea, Williams -yea, Nellist-yea, Riley-yea

BUILDING DEPT. REPORT: Given by Nellist. Nellist stated that building is slow at this time of year, but will pick up in spring, summer, and fall.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Given by Nellist. The Board of Review is in March.

CEMETERY/PARKS/MAINT: Given by Nellist. There was one funeral, and the swings were taken down at all parks. In the maintenance Department the snowplowing is getting done.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Given by Munoz. The next meeting will be Feb. 1, 2016.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Given by Munoz. No report this month.

LIBRARY & RECREATION REPORTS: Given by Munoz. Policy committee has met about salary increases. It was agreed there would be salary increases for all workers but Casey. The library is having their wine

tasting Sunday, February 14. Munoz also said that the public should take advantage of what the library has to offer. Munoz mentioned that Diane will write a grant for new swings. Munoz mentioned that changes to the bylaws will be brought to the board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Given by Cleeves. In December, the department had CPR certification training, two people purchased toys for the toy drive, OSHA training, demo on the power cut for the ambulance, upgrading all paperwork, and working on county wide wildfire protection plan. In December there were 13 medical runs, 3 standbys, 4 trainings, and 12 fire calls.

HLUA & ORDINANCE REPORTS: Given by Riley. Riley reported there was one complaint and five liquor inspections. He reported that the Higgins Lake Authority is working on their three pumps. He stated two are working and one is not. Riley stated there are five members on the board, two from Lyon, one is resigning and stated that person needs to be replaced.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Munoz mentioned that she and Diane went to a DNR grant writing conference.

Williams stated that the compost will be open on Saturdays only. He also mentioned that there was a swimmer's itch information meeting on January 9. He mentioned that both SICON and Northpoint Fisheries attended. Williams said that Lyon Township did not hire SICON, and that Gerrish hired Northpoint, and he wanted the public to know that the Lyon Township board does endorse SICON. He stated this board does not have a role. They merely endorse SICON. At this point, there will still be two swimmer's itch programs this spring. An audience member mentioned that he heard there was going to be a mediator to look at both programs to decide with which program to proceed. He said he saw it in the paper that Gerrish agreed to a mediator in 2017. Another audience member asked if the Gerrish Township kill permit was just for Gerrish Township, and Nellist replied that he believed it was for the entire lake. Nellist stated that last year when they were doing the shooting and harassing SICON asked that harassment not take place in Lyon Township so they would better be able to find the nests. Nellist stated that he would probably ask again that Northpoint Fisheries not harass in Lyon this year. He further stated that as it turned out, there were more swimmer's itch hot spots in Gerrish than there were in Lyon. Williams stated he is still collecting taxes, and said the last day to turn taxes in is February 16, 2016.

Riley stated that he attended a seminar presented by IT Right, along with Terry Barioni, Diane Nellist, and Ron Hnizda on updating and improving our website.

Barioni stated the within the next few weeks the minutes should be on our website.

Nellist stated that things are moving along. He said the plow truck was broken and had to be fixed, but it is now in working order. He said there was also a leak on the big tractor, but it is also back in working order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

An audience member wanted to know what the ordinance is for parking a car on county roads overnight. Riley replied by saying that if there are not "no Parking" signs and the vehicle is not obstructing the roadway it is legal to park on the road. The audience member said that just past the

boat ramp during white out conditions there were vehicles over the white line and their trailers were hanging into the road. Nellist said there is a big DNR parking lot where vehicles can park.

Cheryl Holiday wanted to know if the township was keeping track of swimmer's itch complaints on the website and wondered if the township has a percentage of cases. Williams said that right now there are no complaints, but that they do keep track of complaints during the summer. Williams stated that he has an entire file. He also stated he took swimmer's itch case numbers to the swimmer's itch task force. He further said that at one time, he went to the hospital and various doctor's offices to get an accounting of the number of cases reported, but what he found was there were very few cases called swimmer's itch. He said that in most cases the diagnosis was rash rather than swimmer's itch. He said the numbers are distorted. He said many people go the doctor for their swimmer's itch but they do not receive the diagnosis of swimmer's itch. Nellist stated that at one point, our state rep and senator wanted the health department to get involved but said the problem was that many visitors did not even know where the health department was located. Holiday then asked about how swimmer's itch is tracked. Williams stated that each township is tracking their own. He said Lyon Township had forms on the counter and individuals can send emails and or make phone calls. Nellist also stated there is a new park ranger, Josh Pellow, and he is enthusiastic about doing things and may be able to help track swimmer's itch.

Officer Palmerton introduced himself along with his partner Officer Burmester. They stated that if the township has any questions not to hesitate to call the sheriff's department. Nellist thanked them for coming.

Lenette Tomak would like a fishing report given monthly.

Williams stated that they have the okay from the attorney to move forward on the new fire hall. He said they are hoping to break ground as soon as possible.

Motion by: Williams, supported by Nellist to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: None

The minutes are subject to approval.
The minutes were prepared by Diane Nellist.

Clerk, Terry Barioni

Supervisor, Edward Nellist