

**Lyon Township**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 19, 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 18 members of the public.

1. Motion by Grier supported by Carlson to approve the agenda Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried
2. Motion by Schnell supported by Tomak to accept minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated September 21, 2022, and the Work Session dated October 12, 2022.  
Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried
3. Motion by Carlson supported by Schnell to pay the Vendors September 16, 2022 through October 13, 2022 in the amount of \$121,475.33 and to approve payroll in the amount of \$36,636.56 for pay periods from September 16, 2022 through October 15, 2022.  
Roll Call: Tatro Y, Schnell Y, Grier Y, Carlson Y. Tomak Y. Motion Carried
4. Motion by Tatro supported by Tomak to accept the treasurer's report dated September 30, 2022 as presented. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

5. Motion by Schnell, supported by Grier to approve Resolution 22-011, objecting to proposed expansion of Camp Grayling as presented. Roll Call: Tatro Y, Schnell Y, Grier Y, Carlson Y, Tomak Y Motion Carried
6. Motion by Carlson, supported by Tomak to appoint Dan Richardson to fulfill the remaining term of Fred Bradley on the Planning Commission, with term expiring May 3, 2025  
Yeas: 5 Nays:0 Motion: Carried
7. Motion by Grier, supported by Schnell to increase the Standard Mileage rate reimbursement to 62.5 cents per mile, staying in line with IRS guidelines, effective October 20, 2022. Roll Call: Tatro Y, Schnell Y, Grier Y, Carlson Y. Tomak Y. Motion Carried
8. Motion by Tatro, supported by Grier to approve a 10% increase in the Trash Collection Assessment on the Winter 2022 tax bill which will increase the current assessment of \$159.70 per household to \$175.60 Roll Call: Tatro Y, Schnell Y, Grier Y, Carlson Y, Tomak Y. Motion Carried
9. Larry Maduri presentation – running as Republican for Lyon Township Supervisor
10. Harold Johnson presentation – running as No Party Affiliation for Lyon Township Supervisor

**Correspondence:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mary Beebe – running for 82’nd District Judge. Sam Boodoian Jr. – in April 2021 this board voted to approve a sewer project using PA188, HLU was formed in September 2021 to give their version of transparency to the sewer project. Disputes this is a real sewer, he is willing to pay for a real sewer. Stated his reasons for the recall. Questioned the board’s pay and benefits. David Hobson – stated his understanding is 2/3 of Roscommon County voters are 65+ years. Encourages everyone to wait for Tip of the Mitt to come out with their results. Questions why no board member from either township or GLUA is against the sewer project. Feels that board forgot who they work for.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Supervisor Tatro:** Thanked the candidates for coming out tonight. No final decision has been made on the sewer project and will not be made until we have a funding source in place. Confirmed with Mr. Boodoian he is willing to pay for “real” sewer (he claims cost for a real sewer would be half of proposed system). Feels that the board does listen to the people, and works for the people regardless of which side the issue fall on. Hence the reason no final decisions have been made on the sewer project.

**Clerk Schnell:** gave updates on Trash Poll (96respondents – 60.42% trash only, 13.54% trash / recycling, 9.38% trash / yard waste, 16.67% all service). Update on Sewer Petitions (44.44% no response, 25.89% objecting, 29.40% in favor). Disputed comment that in April 2021 this board approved a sewer system. The board approved formation of GLUA which was the next step in studying a system, as well as to be able to hold public meetings. The GLUA and this board have listened to all parties, including the opposition from the July 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 public hearing and has asked the township attorney to look into other options. Nothing is being jammed forward, and the board as stated over and over again that without significant grant funding to make this affordable, the project will not go forward even if 50% approval is reached.

**Grier:** Getting ready for tax season, working on getting online payment availability for Camp Curnalia sewer payments as requested by citizen. Thanked the people that voted her into her position, feels she has done a good job and has listened to everyone. Hopes to be voted back in and continue to work together.

**Tomak:** attended monthly Roscommon County Library meeting, more details are on their website.

**Carlson:** Thanked everyone for coming. Spoke of the sewer system, will not go forward if isn’t affordable, feels everyone can agree that doing nothing is a good idea. The present project has been over 4 years in discussion and development. The Planning Commission is working on a Septic Ordinance and the lawyer is currently drafting an ordinance for that. Central Michigan Health Department has stated they feel the best option is for a sewer system here for the lake,

then a Septic Ordinance. The STEP system is a real sewer system, a gravity system would entail ripping up roads, tree removal and many pumping stations. Additionally, the study showed that a gravity system is much more costly than a STEP. Lyon Township Master Plan was last updated in 2012, in the summary section it states that is the responsibility of the township to lookout for the best interests of the residents. It also states the township is to investigate a Waste Water Treatment plant.

Motion by Tomak supported by Grier to adjourn the meeting. Yeas 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried

Time of Adjournment: 7:49pm

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Clerk Schnell

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Supervisor Maduri