

12/11/24 Lyon Township board work session.

Past Fire Chief Bill Cleaves asked that the board consider bringing current chief "JC"'s pay up to full pay, not half. He made many points as to why this should happen. Also, that "JCs" was making much less than Beaver Creek and Gerrish Township fire Chiefs.

- Point taken. The board is in the process of reviewing every employee and elected officials work duties. As is typical in a smaller Twp, but not mandatory, many duties not statutory were combined with duties that were for Twp. officials and employees. It is our understanding that JC's half pay was somehow intertwined with him also being the Maintenance man. We hope to make progress on reassessing pay rates, duties and expectations for all employees during the upcoming 2025/26 budget review (coming up in early 2025).

Brian Cook suggested that any future POS/TOT septic ordinances take depth to the water table and linear distance from the water into consideration.

- Point taken. Those distances and depths are certain to be discussed when moving towards a new POS/TOT septic ordinance.

John Barta made several points concerning board interaction with the crowd, attachments to the supervisor contact form, cemetery plumbing problems, POS/TOT and that he disagrees with the Health Department. I am not doing John justice here; I wrote down what I could and this meeting was NOT taped!

- As a board, we will try to add an attachment feature to the supervisors contact request form when it finally lands on the Lyon twp. website. Points taken on the rest.

A resident felt that 100 feet from the water for septic inspections was not far enough because gravity impacted all groundwater and flow to the lake. Also, concerns that resident canvassing include all persons, not a select few.

-The boards position is that if you are paying taxes in this Twp, you have a voice here as far as canvassing of residents.

A resident (I believe) questioned if the Health Department could handle all the influx of a POS/TOT septic ordinance?

-The board feels they not only can handle it, it is their duty to do so. Township interference is generally not the norm in any Health Department assessments of septic systems, in most of Northern Mi.

There were points made by several persons about public conduct during meetings, it was the boards responsibility, get a Sheriff here when needed and the fact that the board can temporarily halt a meeting when needed to remove a disorderly person at a public meeting.

-Points all taken. Trustee Detmer is a Deputy Sherrif from Crawford County and has been for many years. If we feel the need to call more support we would. The board has also passed a Board Meeting Public Comment Resolution to address some of those concerns, and more. Posted on the wall by the door.