

LYON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING February 19, 2025

Meeting called to order 7:01 PM

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call Bertrand X Hopps X Pearn X Detmer X Monet X ALL Present

Covid Protocol being observed

Motion to approve the agenda Hopps/Monet 5 Ayes Motion carries

WINTERFEST : 30/40 Volunteers entire board represented including Mrs. Hopps and Mrs. Pearn

And many Fire and EMS personnel Approximately 160 breakfasts served

Some improvements could include more advertising flyers, posters etc.

The Silver dollar afterglow was packed with people.

Department Reports

Fire and EMS Fire Runs 5 EMS Runs 15 Plus an assist on Lake twp fire Feb 9th

@ 12 hours in duration Broken Part on apparatus 624 In house repairs saved about

\$100 New training officer appointed Alan Beaudat

Maintenance:

Making two additional pickleball courts out of the two courts we now have

Readying for mower maintenance s soon as snows clears

Thanked Lyon Twp for use of park 27 a big success !

Treasurer:

Tax collections going well , all winter millages have been paid through

2025 to their designated locations. Working on 2025 Budget revenues

Expenses. Working with GFL on new deal , Contract will last for 3 years

Working on repayment of back taxes from 2021, 2022, and 2023 to the county

Working on TWP portion of State Revenue Sharing.

Clerk:

Checking nearby townships for CPA firms they currently use

Mailed W2's and 1099's

Meeting with CPS Dan Smith

Meeting with Clerk Brown and Treasurer Brown from Otsego

Swore in various Board members

Payroll and Payables completed for the month

Several discussions on Health and Pension benefits

Reviewed proposed resolutions

Attended Special Meeting

Finished all minutes to date

Attended ESTA (earned sick time act) thru MTA webinar
BSA budget Webinar
Received and answered an average of 8 calls per day
Received and answered an average of 15 E mails per day
Working on Michigan tax due Feb. 28, 2025.

Supervisor : It is indeed a pleasure to serve the Residents of Lyon Twp.

A great deal of time was spent on board appointments, budget preliminary
Discussions, Repurposing GLUA funds
Video records of meetings and notes were posted for all who cared to review
Them

Four Ordinances in the works , New Webpage update due in April

5 FOIA requests were made ; all but 1 resolved quickly

4 requests were made of Ordinance officer one for a civil suit we cannot

Get involved in, another for illegal sign on a county road and not a township issue

Two for fire/burning issues a complaint and a permit request

4 Concerns as acting sexton Plot sell back....Two family notifications of upcoming

Services in the spring, a one to possibly store a body of a loved one in the chapel

Vault room , this may be considered due to limited winter options.

Approved only last months minutes...5 Ayes

Postponed rest of consent agenda voting until special meeting this next week and
Rest of this months payables are completed delay due to Covid incident.

Old Business:

Newsletter on hold until we get well into budget in March

Still in a holding pattern on septic ordinance, but not for much longer

Q&A and suggestions form available on webpage and working fine

New Business: Board Appointments

Motion to appoint Steve Reidy to the Parks and Rec and Planning
Commission Hopps/Detmer

Roll call vote: Bertrand Y Hopps Y Pearn Y Detmer Y Monet Y

Motion carries 5-0

Motion to appoint Roger Tagtmeier to the planning Commission

Hopps/Bertrand

Roll call vote

Bertrand Y Hopps Y Pearn Y Detmer A Monet Y motion carries

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Reconsideration of motion to make Roger an alternate..
New Motion Monet /Detmer 5 ayes motion passes

Motion to Hire Bruce Adzigian as Sexton/ ground maintenance and other duties as
Assigned , 15 dollars an hour up to 15 hours per week starting date
Beginning of next payroll period ? Monet/Pearn
Roll call vote Bertrand Y Hopps Y Pearn Y Detmer Y Monet Y
Motion carries 5-0

Motion to appoint Fred Cowper to Planning commission and Parks and Recreation
Monet/Detmer
Roll call vote Bertrand Y Hopps Y Pearn Y Detmer Y Monet Y
Motion carries 5-0

Finalize number on planning commission 5 is continued !

Update on returning a Cemetery ordinance....Legal fee would be less than 1,000
Dollars A service to the community ! short discussion was held more necessary
Plowing of main drive to chapel , and paths to spurs without piling on existing
Graves must be done with respect and dignity will listen to recommendations.

Update on a chicken ordinance for residential:

Trustee Detmer and a resident have been working on this , Thought to be zoning
Issue so planning commission would be involved. Moving forward Ideas?

Update on records retention schedule : Clerk Pearn and Trustee have had talks
We have had plenty of offers to help with proper disposal and security most
important , will adhere to state guidelines , This is a big job....And right now too
many issues to be dealt with that are more important. It will be done !

Update on AMVETS lawsuit: We voted to follow the recommendation of the legal
Team AMVETS has been declared Tax Free Bottom line is that we owe
14000/15000 to the county...But it would have been nice to know that this debt
Was a possible outcome ! However IT IS OVER ! settled by judge at tax
Tribunal.

GLUA : Legal Position read However difference of opinion remains on how
And if money can be repurposed. EPA has different opinion and so do GLUA
Board members as well as our own board...Huge discussion ,nothing settled!
Certainly more news to follow.....

Motion to extend Brian Cook for 30 days as GLUA representative
Bertrand/Detmer 5 ayes motion carries

Budget Discussions : The method of penciling in the budget (by Supervisor) based
On last years budget Figures is acceptable with small increases in the
Obvious areas (employee wages Etc.) and then
Back to treasurer and clerk for perusal and adjustments then onto the board
Before finally going public Roll call vote:
Pearn Y Hopps Y Detmer Y Monet Y Bertrand Y Motion carries 5-0

What remains now is to set a date for review by the board (set for March 12)
And a posting for a public Hearing. Posting needs to be in the paper (Resorter)
7 days prior to public hearing.

Dispersal of the building inspector, electrical inspector, and plumbing inspector
Proposed contracts. We will revisit these while doing budget and make
Decisions at our next work session.

Public Comment: Dan Richarson , planning commission, concerned that POS/TOT
Do not go far enough. All residences should be governed by same
Ordinance..... Dan was assured that more changes were in the works...but
That the time frame was geared to most important first and that was the
Lakeside residences Something will be done concerning all septic tanks!

John Barta, went on a long version of what he thinks went awry
With AMVETS Violations , refusal to surrender lawfully requested
Records, Property taxes owed....and took several opportunities to say
That this present board has not done the backround checks that were
Necessary to determine proper outcome. We are Glad it was handled by
A judge...Oh yes john mentioned that most of his family were veterans!

Brian Cook: mentioned that the building dept is in the red
45,000 dollars . he says that's impossible

Patti Dennis: once more expressed her anxiety over
This current board and their lack of listening to the large
Majority of the people , and refuse to listen to valid
Arguments. We think we have!

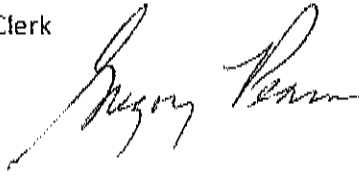
Adjournment:

Motion by __Detmer__ supported by Hopps_____ to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0
Time of Adjournment: 9:43 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Lyon Township Clerk

Gregory Pearn

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gregory Pearn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.