

**MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Gast at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Payne called the roll. Board members present were John Gast, Supervisor; Gloria Payne, Clerk; Robert Clark, Treasurer; James Stine, Jr., Trustee; John Wilk and Trustee Nancy Mensinger. Trustee, Pat Heyn was absent. Six visitors were present, as well as the Bridgman Public Schools Government class.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Gast asked to add two items to the agenda. It was moved by Stine seconded by Mensinger to add two items to the agenda. Six ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 19, 2019

It was moved by Clark seconded by Stine to approve the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Six ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

After explanations, it was moved by Clark seconded by Mensinger to approve the bills of February 2019 in the amount of \$410,297.20. Six ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE PACKET

Lake Charter Township account balances for February 2019.
Michigan Townships Insights.

Supervisor's Report

Attached.

Clerk's Report

Attached.

Treasurer's Report

Attached.

Planning Commission Report

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting minutes are on file in the Township Hall offices.

Water Plant Report

Attached.

GRSD Sewer Authority Report

Galien River Sewer District Authority meeting minutes attached.

Police Department

Baroda-Lake Township Police Board meeting minutes attached.

Fire Department Report

Attached.

Park Committee Report

Attached.

Library Report

Bridgman Public Library meeting minutes attached.

Gretchan Evans, Bridgman Public Library Director reported the Friend of the Bridgman Library are holding a Book Sales on Saturday, March 23, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The library is piloting a program wherein the Bridgman Public School Identification's (ID's) can be used to access the Library.

Cemetery Committee Report

Attached.

Building Department Report

Attached.

Lake Township Economic Growth Alliance Report

Attached.

Medic One Report

Medic One meeting minutes attached.

Utility Committee Report

Attached.

Capital Improvement Report

The Capital Improvement Amended Plan will be approved once the tax season is over.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

The Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes are on file in the Township Hall offices.

AGENDA ITEMS

Opt Out Ordinance to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments Within Lake Charter Township - 2nd Reading

Supervisor Gast presented the Opt out Ordinance to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments within Lake Charter Township. Opting out would allow the township to review the state laws that are developed and that the Township would control the dialog as to how the laws are applied to the Township in regards to zoning and zoning ordinances, in the future.

It was moved by Stine seconded by Gast to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-2-19-An Ordinance to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments with Lake Charter Township.

Roll Call Vote: Gast yes; Payne yes; Clark yes; Mensinger yes; Stine yes; Wilk yes. Motion carried.

Resignation of Planning Commission Member

Supervisor Gast presented the resignation email, dated March 18, 2019, from Planning Commission member Gaylord Rochefort.

It was moved by Mensinger seconded by Clark to accept the resignation from the Planning Commission, with regret, from Gaylord Rochefort. Six ayes, motion carried.

Appointments to Planning Commission

Supervisor Gast reported Hayley M. Coulter, 9430 Date Road, Baroda, Michigan submitted her application for appointment to the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission. She replaces the unexpired term of John Murphy.

It was moved by Gast seconded by Payne to accept the appointment of Hayley M. Coulter to the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission. Six ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Gast reported John Dzienes, 9200 Jericho Road, Bridgman, Michigan submitted his application for appointment to the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission. He replaces the unexpired term of Gaylord Rochefort.

It was moved by Gast seconded by Payne to accept the appointment of John Dzienes to the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission. Six ayes, motion carried.

Water Rate Increases

Supervisor Gast briefly discussed the water rate increases that the Utility Committee recently had. Lake Charter Township's general fund is still subsidizing the water fund. We have made great strides in the past with increases, but we never seem to reach a break-even point. We have had discussions regarding possibly raising them a little bit at a time rather than have the community take a huge hit. More discussions will continue with the Utility Committee.

Replacement of Telephone System

Supervisor Gast presented the quote from Hungerford Technologies for an internet-based telephone system in the amount of \$2,807.20. This will include eight telephones, installation and training. Comcast will be the internet provider, with Frontier's internet as back-up. Further, a firewall switch will be added for security.

Trustee Wilk asked whether Frontier offered an internet-based service. They do not.

Trustee Stine asked whether the cost would be less. The cost of the telephone service will be less to the Township.

Treasurer Clark commented that the features to the internet-based phone system allows for a log to be accessed to see who called, better access to voice mail, and programming your cell phone to receive calls while you are out of the office.

Supervisor Gast commented that should we have a disgruntled caller, the call can be recorded.

It was moved by Clark seconded by Gast to approve the quote from Hungerford Technologies for the purchase on the internet-based telephone system in the amount of \$2,807.20. Six ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Jasper asked that at the corner of Browntown and Date the patch be looked at. It's very rough and nears the manhole, you have to slow way down to just get over it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township/City of Bridgman Joint Meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further objection and no further business it was moved by Payne seconded by Stine to adjourn the meeting. Six ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor