

MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2018
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; Pat Heyn, Trustee, James Stine, Jr., Trustee, John Wilk, Trustee and Trustee Nancy Mensinger.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Gast asked that item "B" Drinking Fountain Replacement be removed from the agenda and add Volunteer Firefighter Insurance and Park Utility Vehicle. It was moved by Mensinger seconded by Heyn to approve the changes to the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Troy Rolling introduced himself as a Republican candidate for the 79th State Representative seat. He runs a concierge's service. He is focused on education for those individuals who are not interested in four years of college, through possibly expanding Career Technical Education Centers. He is also focused on creating good jobs, keeping local individuals working locally.

Dave Pagel introduced himself as a lifelong resident of Berrien Springs. He has been serving as a State Representative in the 78th District. He is running for the Michigan State Senate. He owns and operates Pagel Produce. He served for fourteen years on the Berrien Springs School Board, four years as a Berrien County Commissioner and currently monitors the prison budget. He feels he has a lot left to give and wishes to continue serving the State of Michigan.

Sara Boughner, Miss Bridgman, Madison Rochefort, Emma Wimbush and Kristin Buist

Introduced themselves as the City of Bridgman Queen's Court of Honor. They all thanked Lake Charter Township for the support of housing the float in the ambulance bay. The float is a tradition in the community and allows it to show off the community to others.

Sara Buist thanked Lake Charter Township for having the float housed here, as well, the parents built it, they have been in contact with other individuals to store the float and have not been successful in finding another location. They have no funds to pay for storage. The money that is generated is given as a scholarship to the winners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 15, 2018

With one correction, it was moved by Heyn seconded by Stine to approve the May 15, 2018 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

With a few explanations, and some clarifications, it was moved by Clark seconded by Mensinger to approve the bills of May 2018 in the amount of \$429,713.73. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE PACKET

Lake Charter Township account balances for May 2018.

Michigan Townships Insights and Voice.

REPORTS

1Supervisor's Report

Attached.

Clerk's Report

Attached.

Treasurer's Report

Attached.

Planning Commission Report

Meeting minutes are on file in the Township Hall offices.

Water Plant Report

Jeff Burkhard, Lake Charter Township Water Plant Superintendent reported pumpage is down, due to the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant generating their own water, in-house, for cooling down the reactors. The newly hired employees are ready to run the plant on their own and we are satisfied with their progress.

Water Plant Report attached.

GRSD Sewer Authority Report

Meeting minutes attached.

Police Department

Baroda-Lake Township Police Board meeting minutes attached.

Fire Department Report

Unavailable.

Park Committee Report

Attached.

Library Report

Bridgman Public Library meeting minutes attached.

Cemetery Committee Report

Attached.

Building Department Report

Attached.

Lake Township Economic Growth Alliance Report

Robert Clark reported that Cali Berg, Director of the Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce/Economic Growth Alliance has announced her resignation. She will be accepting a position in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area.

Medic One Report

Medic One meeting minutes attached.

Utility Committee Report

Attached.

Capital Improvement Report

No meeting held.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets July 10, 2018.

AGENDA ITEMS

Heat Exchanger - Generator

Supervisor Gast presented the repair estimate from MacAllister in the amount of \$8,255.00 for the heat exchanger at the Lake Charter Township Water Plant. During a recent service visit the technician noted the load bank test failed at 100% full load, repairing the heat exchanger will eliminate the problem.

It was moved by Clark seconded by Wilk to accept the repair estimate from MacAllister in the amount of \$8,255.00 for repair of the heat exchanger at the Lake Charter Township Water Plant. All ayes, motion carried.

Volunteer Firefighter Insurance Renewal

Supervisor Gast turned board members' attention to the Hartford Life and Accident Company Volunteer Firefighter Insurance renewal for \$6,187.92 for a period of three years. This represents no increase from last time. It was moved by Stine seconded by Gast to renew the Firefighter Insurance from Hartford Life and Accident Company in the amount of \$6,187.92. All ayes, motion carried.

Modular VRF Heat Pump Repair - Public Safety Building

Supervisor Gast, Clerk Payne and Treasurer Clark met with Police Chief Shawn Martin and Fire Chief Harold Heyn, as well as representatives of City Heating and Plumbing regarding the high pressure lock out shutting unit #3 down at the Public Safety Building's heat pump system. A pressure valve was located to be malfunctioning and upon looking at the valve it had pieces missing that were sucked into the unit itself. Where those parts are or what may cause them to have broken is unknown. To repair this valve and the unit, it would cost approximately \$10,000.00. They cannot guarantee this wouldn't happen again and they recommend replacing unit 3 for \$20,269.30. (Attached is communication from Carey Ross)

It was moved by Gast seconded by Payne to replace unit #3 of the Public Safety Building's heat pump system by City Heating and Plumbing in the amount of \$20,269.30. All ayes, motion carried.

Zoning Amendment to Accessory Building Ordinance

Supervisor Gast informed board members' that the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission has reviewed an amendment to accessory building, Section 3.01 of the Lake Charter Township Ordinance. A public hearing was held and the changes have been reviewed by the Berrien County Planning Commission and they concur with the decision of the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission. Attached to these minutes are the changes, one page is marked "current" and the other marked "changes."

It was moved by Wilk seconded by Gast that upon publication, the approval of changes to the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Ordinance Section 3.01 Accessory Building. Six ayes, one nay (Heyn). Motion carried.

MTA 2018 Dues

Supervisor Gast brought before board members' the Michigan Townships Association 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019 dues in the amount of \$6,738.26. It was moved by Clark seconded by Mensinger to pay the Michigan Townships Association dues for 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019 in the amount of \$6,738.26. All ayes, motion carried.

School Resource Officer-Discussion

Supervisor Gast was approached by Juan Ganum, City of Bridgman Manager, Shane Peters, Superintendent of Bridgman Public Schools and Daniel Unruh, City of Bridgman Police Chief to begin a cooperative effort for a sworn member of the Bridgman Police Department to be assigned to the Bridgman Public Schools. This officer would spend a

majority of his/her work shift in uniform between the Bridgman Elementary School, the Middle School and the High School. (A list of duties is attached).

This agenda item will be discussed at the Fifth Monday meeting on July 30, 2018.

John Deere Gator

Supervisor Gast presented a quote, in the amount of \$7,950.00 from John Deere for a utility vehicle for the Park, Model TX18. This vehicle would have a lift, cargo box, all terrain tires, and a canopy, as well as a 12-month warranty.

It was moved by Payne seconded by Clark to accept the quote from John Deere for \$7,950.00 for a utility vehicle for the Park, Model TX18. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Gast recognized Berrien County Commissioner Teri Freehling who was present in the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Fifth Monday Meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Lake Charter Township Hall offices are closed in observance of Independence Day, July 4, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further objection and no further business it was moved by Payne seconded by Heyn to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor