

**MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2020
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.

Due to Covid-19 being in place, by Governor Whitmer, the board members sat six feet apart and the guest chairs were moved to the back of the Township Hall, also spaced six feet apart. Those wishing to wear masks were allowed to do so. There was a total of fifteen (15) people in the Township Hall attending this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Payne called the roll. Board members present were John Gast, Supervisor; Gloria Payne, Clerk; Robert Clark, Treasurer; John Wilk, Trustee; Nancy Mensinger, Trustee; Pat Heyn, Trustee and James Stine, Jr., Trustee. A quorum of the board was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Gast asked to remove Item #3, Sober & Decker Drain from the agenda. Information from the Christopher Quattrin, Berrien County Drain Commissioner wasn't returned in a timely manner. It was moved by Heyn seconded by Wilk to remove Item #3 from the agenda and postpone it until next month's meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Anderson, who used to live in the area, a reporter for the Harbor Country News voiced his dismay over Governor Whitmer's handling of the current Covid-19 crisis. Her information was unscientific, and its confirmed more cases were added than actually had the virus. There is money to be made off of the vaccine. We need to look at the data harder. Herald Palladium reported 16 cases and deaths without lab results. There is a lot of fake news and fraud going on, and masks don't prevent much. We need more Town Hall Meetings to let people have an outlet to vent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 16, 2020

It was moved by Wilk seconded by Stine to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Special Meeting Minutes June 30, 2020

It was moved by Clark seconded by Wilk to approve the special board meeting minutes of June 30, 2020. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

After review and discussion of the June bills, it was moved by Heyn seconded by Clark to approve the June bills in the amount of \$506,685.71. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE PACKET

Lake Charter Township account balances for June 2020.

Second Quarter Revenue & Expenditure Report

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

GRSD Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2020 are attached.

Police Department

Baroda-Lake Township Police Board meeting was rescheduled for September 8, 2020.

Fire Department Report

None.

Park Committee Report

Attached.

Library Report

Bridgman Public Library board meeting minutes of May 26, 2020 are attached.

Cemetery Committee Report

Attached.

Building Department Report

Attached.

Lake Township Economic Growth Alliance Report

Attached.

Medic One Report

Annual Meeting Report attached.

Utility Committee Report

Attached.

Capital Improvement Report

No meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

The Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020.

AGENDA ITEMS

Fire Department 800MHz Radios

Supervisor Gast turned the floor over to Harold Heyn, Lake Charter Township Fire Chief. He presented Quote #1302756 in the amount of \$5,281.54 for 800 MHz radios, which includes installation into the fire trucks.

It was moved by Gast seconded by Mensinger to purchase 2 Motorola 800 MHz radios for the Lake Charter Township Fire Department. All ayes, motion carried.

2020 Tax Rate Request

Supervisor Gast brought board members attention to the 2020 Tax Rate request, Form L-4029, setting the township millage rate at 3.0. This estimated taxable value stands to generate a 4% increase in revenue.

After discussion, it was moved by Payne seconded by Wilk to approve the 2020 Tax Rate request for Lake Charter Township at 3.0 mills. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Culthbert, 5111 Dunewood Lane, Bridgman, Rob Guilfoyle and Ellen Reagan of the Lake Preservation Group voiced their request for a moratorium against rock revetments.

Application has been made to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a construction of revetments in Wildwood to preserve all shoreline. It will take approximately six to eight months.

They were asking us to be proactive and not reactive, possibly discuss the issue at a joint City of Bridgman/Lake Charter Township meeting.

Eugene Skool, Vice President of Woodland Shores Beach Association also asked to put a moratorium against rock revetments.

Jackie Gnodtke Blackwell introduced herself. She is running for State Representative in the 79th District

Eric Ramso introduced himself. He is running for Lake Charter Township Trustee.

John Gast mentioned he has attended zoom meetings and is being kept abreast of the situation.

Robert Clark reported he put together a resident guide with information for new residents regarding, gas company, electric company, trash vendor, and all things Lake Township, cemeteries, water plant and Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Joint City of Bridgman/Lake Charter Township Meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further objection and no further business it was moved by Payne seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor