

Lilley Township Board Minutes

January 13, 2025

UNAPPROVED

The **Regular Meeting of the Lilley Township Board** was called to order by Supervisor Bouwens at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose building.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited; invocation by Gerald Anderson,

Roll was called Board Members present: Bouwens, Hoving, Nelson, Anderson .Way
Motion by Anderson seconded by Hoving to approve the Agenda .

Roll call: Nelson yes, Bouwens yes, Hoving yes, Anderson yes,Way yes

Motion carried.

Jake Lubera from the National Forest Service, Baldwin office, was at the meeting to speak about the trail closures and detail why they are closed. He stated that they are not closing any new trails, they are just maintaining the currently closed trails, the trails in question He stated have been closed for 10-15 years, they were closed for good reason by the National Forest , the barriers in question have been changed through the years due to people removing the barriers and taking motorized vehicles down them. He stated that the National Forest is available to anyone on foot, there are some trails blocked to motorized vehicles due to trying to preserve the ECO system among other things. He gave a lot of information on The National Forest Service and their duties on keeping the National Forest safe for everyone. He was questioned about easement on Highland Dr. by Pettibone and He will check on that. Much discussion followed. He handed out maps of their current vehicle accessible roads and snowmobile trails.

Public Comments: Supervisor Bouwens thanked the attendees for being courteous to Mr. Lubera during his question and answer period.

Taxpayer thanked Jeff and Gage for cleaning up refrigerator and other junk that was dumped along side the road.

Taxpayer asked what prompted the trail closures by the Forestry, Bouwens stated numerous complaints from people. Trustee Hoving stated her concerns of a forest fire in the blocked off areas, especially in light of the current wildfires in California, Fire Chief Debruyne assured her they could and would get past the barriers, Our Fire Department also has a good relationship with the Forest service. Chief Debruyne also commented that he accompanied a taxpayer to Houseman lake to inspect the area , to minimize fire potential and plans if the Fire Department should be needed, He would be happy to assist any other associations if interested in doing the same.

Treasurer Way asked Chief about a Fire Wise list, there might possibly be one on the National Forest website he will check it out

Motion by Hoving second by Anderson to approve December 09, 2024 Minutes

Roll call: Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Anderson yes even though he was not at the Special meeting, he will approve, Way yes.

Motion Carried:

Motion: to approve Special Meeting minutes by Hoving second by Bouwens

Roll Call: Anderson abstained, Bouwens yes, Way yes, Hoving yes, Nelson yes.

Motion Carried:

Treasurer's Report & Items: Checkbook balance 12/31/2024 621,538.26. New truck payment was debited out of checking account in December 2024 for 2370.79. Treasurer would like to have the new truck payment automatically debited out of the LOSB account each month.

Motion: To have new Fire Truck payment \$2370.79 to be debited from LOSB account each month automatically. By Way second by Nelson

Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Nelson yes, Way yes, Bouwens yes

Motion carried:

Treasurer stated that Deb Fisher is willing to take on the Township website again this year, and also to meet with Clerk to get our credit card on file with the Website Hosting Service.

Motion: to contract Deb Fisher for Township Website for \$500.00 by Way second by Hoving

Roll Call: Anderson yes, Nelson yes, Bouwens yes, Way yes, Hoving yes.

Motion Carried:

Treasurer is working on getting new computers with all specifications recommended by BS&A, Clerk Nelson also got a verbal bid from Computer Company in Manistee for \$5000.00, Clerk and Treasurer will get together with quotes and order, as they have already been approved by the board for \$10,000.00.

Clerk Nelson has 4 additional checks to add not listed: Allied fire for turn-out gear 3140.00, Bio Care for Fire Department physicals 8725.00, Lake Michigan CPA for balance of Audit 2150.00, Judy Hoving printer supplies 68.47

Motion: to pay bills listed with additional checks for Allied fire 3140.00, BioCare 8725.00 Lake Mi CPA 2150.00, Judy Hoving 68.47 by Anderson second by Hoving

Roll call: Hoving Yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Anderson yes.

Motion Carried:

Clerk's Items: Clerk Nelson read Snow plow bid from Todd and Renee Ford for \$375.00 per plow, only \$10.00 more than last year.

Motion: to accept bid from Todd and Renee Ford for snow plowing for \$375.00 per plow by: Hoving second by:Anderson

Roll Call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Way yes, Nelson yes,

Motion Carried:

Clerk also read a certificate of achievement for a perfect score on our Assessment Audit, Our BOR does a great job. Clerk also stated that the Township passed their Audit with a perfect score, thanks to the hard work of our Clerk, Deputy and Treasurer.

Trustees items: Trustee Anderson wanted the people to know that he was not at the Special Meeting because he feels he wasn't notified properly, He doesn't get on the computer, therefore did not see the notice, Supervisor will call in the future. He encourages the young people of our Township to get involved in the Future of our Township.

Supervisor Items:

Supervisor Bouwens stated that all Township roads but 1 have been updated, he will work on that this year. If you notice any street lights out please notify Supervisor Bouwens and he will get ahold of Great Lakes. New signs are up at the dump stating they will be Closed ALL Holidays, so the Employees can spend them with their family. He is currently working on the budget. He is currently still working on prices for the storage building.

He received prices for brining this year 1 time brine 6270.00 and 2 brines 9305.00, The NCRC typically pays for half of the price. Will table until next meeting. Community Building is on hold for a short period due to other obligations at this time. Trustee Hoving Thanked Gage for his work at the Transfer station.

Fire Department:

13 calls 9Fire 4 Medical

Fire: 2 Lilley 5 Merrill 1 Monroe 1 Assist

Medical: 2 Lilley 1 2 Assist

Chief DeBruyne stated that in total for 2024 the Department responded to 103 calls for service and the MFR had 108 calls for service, totaling to 211 calls for the year.

Dog Clinic at the fire barn January 18, 2025 a from 1p.m to 3 p.m

Planning Commission:

Chairperson Israels Stated that the Planning Commission will meet Thursday January16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Multi Purpose Building at 10767 N. Prospect, Bitely MI 49309

They will be working on finishing the chicken ordinance, working on Pettibone Park rules and regulations, Community Building rental agreement. This will also be their Administrative meeting.

It was also stated that the Troutarama will be on the same day as the Bitely Homecoming.

Zoning:

1 Zoning, 2 Electrical, 1 Mechanical, 1 plumbing ,1 complaint

6 office visits, 26 calls received, 26 calls made, 3 mailings

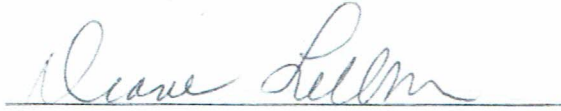
2 situations currently with Attorney

For 2024 they issued 40 zoning permits, 36 electrical permits, 23 mechanical permits, 8 plumbing permits.

Taxpayer asked about the STR process, at this time finalization is being held up due to legal issues.

Adjournment: Motion by Nelson second by Way to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Fulton Lilley", written over a horizontal line.

Diane Fulton Lilley Township Deputy Clerk