



Town of Lincoln: Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes, Monday, April 1, 2019

- I. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Town Chairman, Cory Cochart.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Board Supervisors present: Nick Cochart and Jesse Jerabek. Others present: Tim Strnad, Town Treasurer, Joe Jerabek, Town Assessor, Jodi Parins, Lynda Cochart, Dick Bultman, Carol Wautlet, Jordan Nowak, Jenny Nowak, Joe Zellner, Luke Porath, Ken Neuzil, Paul Wallace, Rod Cochart, Don Niles, Ann Niles, Brent Eisenman, Dixie Eisenman, Mick Sagrillo, and Suzy Vania.
- III. April 1, 2019, Agenda: Motion made to approve agenda as submitted (N. Cochart/ Jerabek). Motion carried.
- IV. Motion made to approve March 11, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted (Jerabek/ N. Cochart). Motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** Strnad gave report on Town of Lincoln Income, Checking, CD, and Savings accounts. 10 outstanding dog licenses to be forwarded to County. Renewable Gospel Truth CD at 1.5% interest. Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report (N. Cochart/ Jerabek). Motion carried.
- VI. **Clerk's Report:** Town Clerk reported on work completed /correspondence received during previous month to include: Work on April Election= 18 absentee ballots, returned 2 special assessment letters, completed Recycling Grant 2018, prepared documents for checking acct. audit, and started Financial C report for 2018 DOR.
- VII. **County Supervisor's Report:** Cory Cochart gave a review of County Board meetings to include information on: Broadband Study Group, Jail Assessment Committee, Appointments made at County level, Resolutions approved, Hwy Dept. purchases, project approvals, bridge inspection, and effect of closing of landfill on budget numbers.
- VIII. **Planning Commission Report:** Sagrillo presented PC updates; no PC mtg since last BoS mtg. Meeting is needed yet with Town attorney to finalize Livestock Siting and Citation Ordinances. Public Hearing is needed for Short Term Rental Resolution to go to Ordinance. PC is ready to work on Ground-Water mapping. PC Appointments: Motion made to approve Tim Strnad for 3 year term (N. Cochart/ Jerabek). Motion carried. Motion made to approve Brian Kinnard as an alternate (Jerabek / N. Cochart). Motion carried.
- IX. **Zoning:** None
- X. **Actions:**
 - a. **Garbage Collection:** Chairman is finalizing number of ToL residences needing containers. Going Garbage will be provider of service, monthly charge will be \$15.85 for weekly garbage/recycle pickup. Distribution of containers scheduled for approximately 6.1.19. Informational meeting to be held for the public for April 24 or 25, 2019.
 - b. **Speed Limit Posting- Maple Road:** Chairman and Sheriff Joski have met, but need to finalize decision. Update next month.
 - c. **Borchardt Study Findings:** Update next month.
 - d. **Untidy Yards Update:** Update next month.
 - e. **Whole House Water Treatment Study:** Law suit has been filed against Stonehouse by Town attorney; all allegations have been denied by Stonehouse.
 - f. **Road Postings/IOH:** Recommendation made to post at 80,000 lbs (Jerabek/N. Cochart). Motion carried; Chairman to get costs on signage. Roads are in rough condition and don't want to get worse. Scales need to be purchased.
 - g. **Corrections to Allegations against ToL Board of Supervisors:** Jesse Jerabek noted per WTA and State Elections Board, conversations are allowed, but no disparaging comments, no campaigning, and any post meeting conversations should be with only one supervisor (or the chairman) at a time. He also reviewed new town hall was passed by resolution at 2016 Annual Mtg and in Jan 2017 Special Mtg was held per state statutes; proposed budget for new town hall not to exceed \$240,000. BoS then tried to find site since current building is too close to road to remodel. Land adjacent to current hall was priced at \$50,000/acre. Quoted costs have increased from \$195,000 to \$220,000, and now to \$245,000. BoS is not required to put new Town Hall option on referendum. This topic will most likely come up again at annual meeting in 2019. Water treatment study was meant to help all residents of Town of Lincoln as a whole house system; no results were ever supplied to participants by Stonehouse. Recoupment of money spent is now in process of being corrected by filing of complaint by Town attorney against Stonehouse. Participants in study were not hand-picked, they had already been working with Land & Water testing. Chairman Cochart reported \$29,000 spent on system. Ground Water mapping costs were \$40,000 with \$20,000 back as revenue from grant. This was not Bedrock Mapping and has proven to be helpful to Lincoln farmers for manure spreading. Raising of taxes may only occur by passing of Town of Lincoln Referendum/Resolution. Financials for Town are not put on website, but are available at every monthly BoS meeting as is monthly meeting minutes. No other area townships post their financials on website.
- XI. **Public Comment:** (Parins) Stated she felt election postcard received by Town residents were full of innuendo and felt an apology is owed to current Board of Supervisors; feels BoS has followed laws re: possible quorums and works to keep local taxes in check. (Jesse Jerabek) Stated received complaints on political signs posted: reviewed minimums needed per ordinance. (Wallace) Questioned how water study participants were chosen. (Wautlet) Stated nobody got a new well; only cost of treatment system was paid for those allowing samples to be tested and as in L&W testing, it was important to keep

confidentiality. Also, stated her young dog is one in township needing shots and registration. (Sagrillo) Asked about fees on irrigations systems. Also questioned the zoning requirement for certified surveys. (Don Niles) Stated feels BoS is trying to do the right thing re: water treatment study and new town hall, but transparency may be challenged and invitations or mailings to residents may be considered. (Jenny Nowak) Stated minutes were not up to date on website and is a problem w/ transparency. (N. Cochart) Challenged question of transparency when attendance is most often very low at monthly meetings w/ same attendees. Also stated township progress needs to be a collective effort and lack of respect is discouraging for those who are putting effort forth. (Lynda Cochart) Stated Town of Lincoln resident attendance has always been low at monthly meetings. (Brian Kinnard) Suggested quarterly newsletters. (Joe Jerabek) Explained revaluation to take place in the next month for town properties by Action Appraisals. Open Book & Board of Review will follow this summer (July/August) with notice going out. \$40,000 has been budgeted for 2019 expenses for revaluation.

XII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting 5.6.19: Garbage Collection/Curbside Pickup; Speed Limit Maple Rd; Whole House Water System; Untidy Yards; Road Postings/IOH; Borchardt Study Findings

XIII. Bills were reviewed and motion made to approve payment of bills (C. Cochart / Jerabek). Motion carried.

XIV. Adjournment: 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by Town of Lincoln Clerk, Mary Ann Salmon

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