

**REGULAR MEETING
LENOX TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 10, 2022**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER: | 6:30 PM |
| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Reeder, Kandell, Honold, Clifford, Gurley |
| ATTORNEY PRESENT: | Addis, Kelley |
| RESIDENTS AND GUESTS PRESENT: | 12 |

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Clerk Kandell reported that a notification was received from the State regarding Charter Township eligibility that should be added to this Agenda.

Motion: Clifford Support: Gurley

Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda adding **g.** Charter Township Notification.

Roll Call Vote: Clifford- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Honold- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Kandell- Aye. Motion passes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Clifford Support: Honold

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of 12-06-2021 and the Special Board Meeting of 12-13-2021.

Roll Call Vote: Clifford- Aye, Honold- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Reeder- Aye. Motion passes.

5. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Public Announcements at this time.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

F. Meram, Rosell Road business owner, expressed his opinion on the poor condition of Rosell Road, as well as the lack of water and sewer. He and several other business owners request that the road be paved.

J. Greene, Richmond City resident and a member of the Richmond City Council, who is running for State Representative Jeff Yaroch's term-limited seat.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under this Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Board and will be enacted by one motion. According to established Township meeting rules, there will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a member of the Board or public so requests at or prior to the meeting, in which event the chair of the meeting may remove such item(s) from the Consent Agenda for discussion and consideration under Agenda Item No. 8, below. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be by a majority roll call vote of those present and voting. Under the Consent Agenda are items a. Public Safety Report, b. EMS Report, c. DPW Report, d. Code Enforcement Report, e. Assessing Department Report, f. Engineer Report, g. Planner Report, h. Library Report, i. Senior Center Report, j. Supervisor's Report, k. Treasurer's Report, l. Orders and Bills, m. Trustees Report, n. Clerk's Report.

Clerk Kandell reported that there was \$369,865.39 in invoices to be paid, and \$284,919.07 in invoices that were paid through the month.

Motion: Honold Support: Gurley

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the Orders and Bills totaling \$654,784.43.

Roll Call Vote: Honold- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Clifford- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Reeder- Aye. Motion passes.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for this meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. TOWNSHIP SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM UPGRADE

Public Safety Director Jeff White explained that this proposal was tabled from the December Board Meeting. The security camera system at the Township Office Building has reached the end of its useful life. This proposal would add security cameras to the concession building, the Emergency Complex on Gratiot Avenue, as well as the Fire Station #2 on 32 Mile Road. The quotes included cameras to fit the new EMS Building; those amounts have been removed and would be taken care of by the Ambulance Authority. Three quotes were submitted as follows:

ABEL Electronics	\$44,420.50
TYCO Integrated Security	\$61,385.00
Interstate Security, Inc.	\$101,685.00

White recommended ABEL Electronics as the low bidder. He asked that the Board approve an amount not more than \$55,000.00, as there are often additional costs related to installation.

Motion: Gurley Support: Clifford

Motion to approve the Security Camera System Upgrade to ABEL Electronics to install the security cameras, not to exceed \$55,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Gurley- Aye, Clifford- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Honold- Aye. Motion passes.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. REZONING REQUEST ADAM JANUSCH, 19-06-34-400-009, (NORTHPOINTE STORAGE-LENOX TOWNSHIP, INC.)

Attorney Gary Gendernalik was present representing Adam Janusch, who has requested the Rezoning of a vacant parcel on 26 Mile Road from Commercial General to Commercial Neighborhood to facilitate the construction of a storage facility.

Clerk Kandell detailed the recommendation of the Township Planner, who would support the Conditional Rezoning following three conditions:

1. A final site plan meeting all requirements of the Lenox Township Zoning Ordinance, Township Engineer, and the Fire Department being submitted
2. A Conditional Zoning Agreement being jointly prepared by the developer's attorney with the Township's attorney to ensure completion of the project pursuant to the approved site plan
3. Should construction of the development not begin by December 31, 2023, the property's zoning designation would revert back to Commercial Neighborhood (CN)

Motion: Kandell Support: Clifford

Motion to approve the Conditional Rezoning Request for Adam Janusch, Parcel ID 19-06-34-400-009, from Commercial General to Commercial Neighborhood based on the conditions set forward by the Township Planner.

Roll Call Vote: Kandell- Aye, Clifford- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Honold- Aye. Motion passes.

b. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Reeder announced that he would like to nominate resident Jason Walker to the Lenox Township Planning Commission for a full term ending 12-31-2024.

Motion: Honold Support: Clifford

Motion to accept the Supervisor's recommendation of Jason Walker to the Planning Commission for a full-term ending 12-31-2024.

Roll Call Vote: Honold- Aye, Clifford- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Reeder- Aye. Motion passes.

c. WINDOW CLEANING PROPOSAL

Supervisor Reeder reported that the Supervisor’s Office solicited quotes from six vendors to complete window cleaning, resulting in the following:

Patriot Power washing & Window Cleaning:	\$12,000.00
Bland Services:	\$5,500.00
Crystal Clear	\$2,900.00
Lean View Services	not accepting new customers
Action Power Washing	no longer doing windows
DC Window Cleaners	no bid submitted

Motion: Gurley Support: Honold

Motion to accept the Supervisor’s recommendation for Crystal Clear Window Cleaning to clean the windows at the Township Office Building at the cost of \$2,900.00.

Roll Call Vote: Gurley- Aye, Honold- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Clifford- Aye. Motion passes.

d. SET CDBG FUND PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Reeder Support: Kandell

Motion to set the Community Development Block Grant Fund Public Hearing for Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Reeder- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Honold- Aye, Clifford- Aye, Gurley- Aye. Motion passes.

e. TOWNSHIP SEAL UPDATE

Supervisor Reeder reminded the Board that several months ago the four school districts in the Township were invited to participate in redesigning the Township Seal. One design was submitted from New Haven High School, therefore, he recommended approval of that design to become the official seal of Lenox Township.

Trustee Clifford inquired on the cost of changing everything that has the logo included.

Motion: Clifford Support: Gurley

Motion to table the Township Seal Update until a rough idea of costs can be acquired.

Roll Call Vote: Clifford- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Honold- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Kandell- Aye. Motion passes.

f. EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE RENEWAL

Clerk Kandell detailed the health care companies that were contacted in the search for a less expensive health care option for employees. Blue Cross Blue Shield would increase approximately 11% over last year, Priority Health was \$500 more per month, and HAP would require that in order to provide dental and optical, it would have to be outside of the health plan. Kandell recommended that the Township continue with BCBS on a month-to-month basis, with staff from the Supervisor’s Office and the Clerk’s Office to meet with health care representatives and bring a recommendation to the Board in the future.

Motion: Kandell Support: Gurley

Motion to continue utilizing Blue Cross Blue Shield on a month-to-month basis and approve allowing the time for staff members to review the costs in depth, bringing it back to the Board in April or May after meetings and documentation have been reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Kandell- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Clifford- Aye, Honold- Aye. Motion passes.

g. CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REFERANDUM ON BECOMING A CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Clerk Kandell explained that notification has been received that according to the last census numbers, Lenox Township qualifies to become a Charter Township. With that qualification, there are certain obligations on the Township’s part, one of which is to publish a Notice of Right to Referendum. The first publication must be done within 15 days from the date of receipt; the second must be published within seven days of the first publication.

Motion: Reeder Support: Honold

Motion to approve the Clerk's Office to publish of the Notice of Right to Referendum, the first within 15 days of receipt and the second notice published within seven days after the first notice.

Roll Call Vote: Reeder- Aye, Honold- Aye, Kandell- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Clifford- Aye. Motion passes.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

K. Turchi, Lenox Township Resident, commented on the Lenox Township Fire Department and the lack of necessity of a Public Service Director.

12. CALL FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Clifford inquired on the Senior Center; he would like to know what progress has been made since the Meet and Greet event.

Supervisor Reeder stated that he would try to get detailed information about that event.

Reeder reported that he has begun to act on the Rosell Road issue.

Clifford reported that he could get additional information due to his work background. Rosell Road and Amvet Drive are the only roads within the Village that are not paved.

Clerk Kandell suggested that the Township Engineer be contacted, as some initial research has been done regarding Rosell Road.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY - CLIENT INFORMATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

Motion: Kandell Support: Gurley

Motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:06 PM for the purpose of discussing Confidential Attorney - Client Information with the Township Attorney.

Roll Call Vote: Kandell- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Honold- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Clifford- Aye. Motion passes.

Motion: Kandell Support: Honold

Motion to return to Open Session at 7:58 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Kandell- Aye, Honold- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Clifford- Aye. Motion passes.

Motion: Kandell Support: Gurley

Motion to set a Special Meeting for Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 4:00 PM to discuss Attorney recommendations in reference to the litigation with JM Halloween, Inc. vs. Lenox Township.

Roll Call Vote: Kandell- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Reeder- Aye, Gurley- Aye, Honold- Aye. Motion passes.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kandell Support: Gurley

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:59 PM. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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LuAnne Kandell, Clerk

Carol A. Swantek, Recording Secretary