

MINUTES

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4363 BUNO ROAD
BRIGHTON, MI 48114**

**APRIL 3, 2017
REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING
7:00 P.M.
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Supervisor P. Michel called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: P. Michel, Supervisor; A. Bollin, Clerk; R. Drouillard, Treasurer; S. Combs, Trustee; M. Slaton, Trustee; S. Theis, Trustee; L. Weaire, Trustee

Absent: None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mike Childs, Clark Lake Road – President of Clark Lake HOA. Requesting SAD parameters be adjusted, met with Supervisor, Manager, and Assistant to the Manager requesting a tiered SAD structure for their lake.

Rob Dietz, Clark Lake Road – Previous SAD's have brought drastic improvements to Clark Lake, SAD also funds an aquatic survey.

Carl Slindee, Clark Lake Road – Clark Lake homeowners are community-minded and have organized efforts to pick up road side trash, recruit boy scouts to participate in community clean up, help to groom 44 acres of township natural areas; Township Master Plan calls for preserving natural areas. SAD's help to improve water quality, residents need assistance from Township in order to collect funds for these projects.

Bruce Kelly, Clark Lake Road – Requested SAD limit be lowered and a two tiered structure be allowed for aquatic special assessment districts because lakefront owners derive different benefit, current parameters are set at two times the amount required for their lake projects.

AGENDA

L. Weaire moved and S. Theis seconded **to approve the agenda as presented.**

Motion carried.

BILLS

A. Bollin moved and R. Drouillard seconded **to approve the March 31, 2017 payables and April 3, 2017 bills as presented noting that the March 31, 2017 are for Fiscal Year End.**

Motion carried.

Supervisor Michel provided a brief history of the moratorium on establishing new SAD's which was lifted recently upon establishing some parameters for new districts; moratorium was lifted with caution; and that the SAD parameters should be revisited to consider the input and to inform the new board members.

DISCUSSION – LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (LCRC)

Supervisor Michel introduced the LCRC representatives in attendance – Mike Craine, Managing Director, and Steve Wasyk, Deputy Managing Director.

Z. Dyba, Assistant to the Manager, summarized the topics of discussion for tonight's meeting including basic road responsibilities and funding in Michigan, 2017 road construction projects that the Township has approved, Road closing at Pleasant Valley and the culvert status, Old US 23 with focus on the 2020 construction, and subdivision roads and SAD's.

Road Funding

Mike Craine distributed handout and noted that the Township has no responsibility for roads; acknowledged funding challenges; importance of well-maintained roads, traffic counts and speeds and overall road safety and commended the Township for being a partner for certain road improvements and the careful selection of

projects and use of criteria. Handout identified LCRC maintenance districts, general contact information and a breakdown of road surface type by district and township.

M. Craine provided overview of state and federal funding including eligibility, availability and priorities. Discussion included past participation by the County, warranties, bidding cycles and economies of scale, winter maintenance including sand v. salt, design and construction standards for roads in the Upper Peninsula v. the Lower Peninsula, and poor condition roads converting to gravel roads. He also summarized the impact of recent changes to transportation funding at the State level including the impact of increased fuel taxes and registration fees, MI Transportation Fund monies and Public Act 51 formulas. M. Craine stated he thinks the revised funding formulas may result in a 15-18 % increase in their funding but that the demand has also increased.

Subdivision Roads and SAD's

Discussion included there are no monies through the LCRC for subdivision roads, the LCRC has jurisdiction and responsibility for these roads, Township's policy of participating on primary and secondary road projects, impact of development in recent years on the LCRC budget, public dollars cannot be spent on private roads, neighboring communities have pursued millages to assist with road projects but they do not incorporate the subdivision roads in their plans due to available resources, recognition that there is a need for a solution at the County level, locals do not have resources. M. Craine noted that inefficient design of subdivision roads has added to their cost to maintain these subdivision roads (i.e. cul-de-sacs, narrower streets, new urbanism design) and highlighted what other communities have done (i.e., use of revolving loan fund). Township suggested the LCRC consider a bond project encompassing the subdivision roads through a county SAD since they are the experts and have responsibility for these roads. M. Craine provided Kenicott Trail as an example of a portion of a public subdivision that needs work but its condition is in part due to the aquifer and that the roads that have a higher speed limit (50-60 mph) and higher traffic counts are the priority due to safety concerns over subdivision roads with lower traffic counts and speed limits. He did indicate that the LCRC could get interested in a county sponsored subdivision bond program in the future but not immediately.

Supervisor Michel reiterated the Township does not own any roads and is not in the road business and has no responsibility for road funding participation but noted the Township has established a future road improvement fund to jointly participate in projects that affect a large number of people in the community; other communities have opted to pass millages.

Pleasant Valley Road Closure/Culvert Status

M. Craine provided background information regarding the Pleasant Valley road closure near the culvert that has been closed due to needed repair. Clarification was provided noting the reasons for the culvert designation v. a bridge classification and that it had a low traffic count of 450 before the culvert crossing was out. He provided overview of the culvert and the discovery of the damage including a timeline of the LCRC's actions to date, DEQ involvement if it is a stream crossing and flows affected by construction. Preliminary plans estimate a project cost of \$500,000 but that the scope needs to be refined to consider the road approach to the culvert. He also referenced two other similar road closings in Livingston County and indicated there may be an opportunity for LCRC funding in part for a future project. It was also noted that township staff had presented traffic counts during budget planning representing that the detour was reflected in new traffic patterns and this was, in part, the reason the Township was participating in the Jacoby and Stobart Road projects. Discussion continued with the LCRC stating they were revising the scope and that they may be able to financially participate in a solution in the future if the Township was willing to participate financially. Consensus by both parties that the priority is to address the higher traffic roads due to limited resources.

Discussion included annual LCRC budget, existing roads in each district, and amount of roads within the County with a speed limit of 55 + mph, prima facie roads, quality control/project audits and funding sources.

2017 Road Construction Projects and Old US 23 Project

M. Craine summarized other area construction projects slated for 2018 and briefly overviewed the Old 23

project slated for 2020 with the Township which will be five lanes to accommodate the Old 23/Grand River intersection, problems with acceleration and deceleration lanes, morning/mid-day/late-afternoon traffic counts, and the additional lanes needed both north and south due to driveways, overbuilding the intersection that feeds into restricted road and will there be more discussion before final design with the Township Board. LCRC is expecting more detailed project information in the near future which will help confirm a more accurate project estimate.

Discussion continued on the 2017 Construction Projects and M. Craine advised the Board that the Hacker Road project would be extended a short way but that it would not increase Brighton Township's financial participation. M. Craine explained that the Old 23 project south from Hilton will include night work and recommended taking the passing lanes past Brighton Gardens. At the request of the Township, the LCRC will provide advance notification to the area residents and property owners when night work will occur. Also discussed if there was a cost benefit to pursue the Old 23 projects together (no due to different scope of projects).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Carl Slindee, Clark Lake Road – Thanked LCRC; referenced Hacker Road and other improvements including adding gravel to the shoulder; future pathway plans.

ADJOURNMENT

L. Weaire moved and A. Bollin seconded **to adjourn**. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Bollin, CMC, CMMC, Clerk

Patrick Michel, Supervisor