

<b>Call to Order</b>	Supervisor Boyd called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Members Present: Boyd – Supervisor; Perrin – Clerk; Hettich – Treasurer; Redes – Trustee; Keith – Trustee
<b>Assessor's Report</b>	None. Assessor not present.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Perrin: Add under New Business: #6, Elections. <b>Motion to approve agenda as corrected– Boyd/Keith – all yes</b>
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	<p><u>Jackie Erway, representing Lake Mitchell Property Owners' Board</u> spoke regarding concerns with proposed changes to Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority Board. Property owners want more representation on the board. Concerned with legality, only 2 members on the board have terms that have not expired. Ask that Selma Twp Board rejects the request for changes to the Articles of Incorporation of the LMSA. Would like the LMSA Board to be comprised of adequate representation of individuals who own property on the Lake Mitchell sewer system.</p> <p><u>David Keyers:</u> Discussed his concerns with LMSA and the proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. Thinks Selma Twp Board does not understand all the implications of this proposed amendment. Requests the Twp Board table this matter until they learn more. Would like to have a board that is open to influence and has regular meeting times. Concerned with property values, impact on local economy. Would like the Twp Board to appoint members that truly represent the property owners.</p>
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Motion to approve Minutes of January 14, 2020 – Perrin/Keith - all yes</b>
<b>Payment of Bills</b>	Check #17763-17794: AP=\$7,883.46, Payroll=\$11,352.77 for Total of \$19,236.23. <b>Motion to approve payment of bills as presented - Boyd/Redes – B,R,K,H,P - all yes</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Treasurer's report was received. Accounts are balanced. Janet Smythe signed off. Taxes are due by February 14 <sup>th</sup> without penalty. Will be in office 9am-5pm Friday. Also available for appointments.
<b>Fire Dept Report</b>	<p><u>5 runs to date:</u> 1 car in tree; assist Boon sauna fire; 1 assist North Flight; 1 rollover; 1 snowmobile fire.</p> <p><u>Trucks:</u> In good shape, except 908 still has electrical problems (seems to act up when using the plow) Merrill's could not locate the problem. Will take to Cadillac Truck.</p>
<b>Station</b>	Washer was installed, Jay's moved electrical. SCBA's (4) are back. Ordered 2 light-up stop/slow signs
<b>Cemetery/Parks</b>	Plowed as needed.
<b>Blight Ordinance</b>	None
<b>Sewer Report</b>	Will be discussed under New Business.
<b>911 Report</b>	Keith: At last meeting on Jan. 16, Duane Alworden said they are looking to get temporary occupancy permit. Hoping to get into building mid March. No future meeting is set at this time.
<b>Zoning Report</b>	Redes: Master Plan is being re-written. Annual meeting will be Feb. 24, 6:30 pm. Recommend anyone that can attend the meeting to please do so.
<b>Road Advisory Rpt</b>	Redes: None.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	<u>Jack Prebay:</u> Had a question for Redes regarding weekly rentals in residential areas.

Redes believes there is no zoning prohibiting this at this point; will look into this further and report back at next meeting.

Steven Kitler (Clam Lake Twp Supervisor): Spoke on behalf of Clam Lake Twp, who approved the changes to the LMSA articles last night. Believes ultimately in the future, we need to go through some of the concerns regarding LMSA. The LMSA Board has generally met at 5pm. Last meeting was changed due to a conflict with his work. Clam Lake Twp's view is that if the amendment is passed, there would be an appropriate amount of representation. Encouraging the approval of the changes. There is outreach we can do in the future to clear up people's concerns.

## New Business

1. Don Brady (EGLE, MI Dept of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy): Spoke on the deteriorating & obsolete infrastructure of Lake Mitchell sewer system. Most of the equipment within the Lake Mitchell system is past its useful life and in need of replacement. Strongly supports the plan for the pump station, grinder station project; necessary to prevent future overflows. If the Twp and the LMSA do not complete the major system upgrades and prevent future overflows, EGLE will pursue escalated enforcement with the authority, which could include fines and penalties. Given the age and condition of the existing equipment, EGLE believes it would be very difficult if not impossible for anyone to operate the existing system and prevent overflows. It would be very difficult if not impossible for the Twp & sewer authority to comply with regulations if the planned projects are not completed. Delays in sewer upgrades or steps backwards due to change in boards or changes in project scope will not be acceptable. If delays occur and they result in future overflows, EGLE will pursue escalated enforcement with the authority. The townships and the authority need to secure funding for the pump station and grinder station projects. EGLE encourages the twps and the authority to aggressively pursue funding for the pump station and grinder station projects.

2. Brian Sousa, Engineer, Wade Trim: Offered to address any questions. Boyd asked Mr. Sousa to discuss why the whole project must be done, rather than in phases. Sousa: The system is at the end of its useful life. The system cannot be done in phases due to the condition it is in. Doing it all in 1 project is imperative to prevent any future overflows, problems, and any enforcement action by the DEQ. Will try to use any recently purchased pumps if possible, if they will work with the new plan. The amount of the loan the sewer authority is looking to secure is a budgetary number. Mr. Sousa informed us of the process: Develop an estimate, apply for money to do the project, if we get the money, then design is started, go through permitting, bidding, construction. If the project ends up costing less, then the loan will only be for what the project actually costs. Mr. Sousa informed us of the lengthy application process.

3. Resolution to Amend LMSA Articles: Boyd read aloud from Attorney's (Mika, Myers) letter regarding Amendment to Articles of Incorporation. Attorney does not recommend that all members of the LMSA board be users of the system, or even that the majority of the board be system users. It is still possible for a user to make application to the sewer board for consideration for their appointment to the board. A board that is populated solely by users may not act in the best interest of the system, but rather the best interest of the financial conditions of the user. Users have an inherent conflict of interest between personal interest and their duties of good faith and loyalty to the LMSA Board. These conflicts of interest should be kept to a minimum to avoid more difficult issues.

Boyd: LMSA Board members support in their minutes (approved unanimously) that the township board make these changes to the Articles.

**Resolution #05-2020, Resolution of Selma Township Board of Trustees Approving First Amendment to Articles of Incorporation for the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority and Authorizing Supervisor and Clerk to Execute Same:** Boyd read aloud Resolution #05-2020. **Motion to approve Resolution #05-2020 – Boyd/Keith – B,K,H,R,P – all yes, passed unanimously. Resolution declared passed.**

**4. Appointment to LMSA Board:** Boyd: A couple of members terms lapsed, and we certainly apologize for this. Boyd, as Supervisor of Selma Township, would like to be reappointed to the LMSA Board of Directors, along with Trustee Keith. Such appointment to be effective immediately following the effective date of the Amendment to Article V of LMSA Articles of Incorporation. The appointment shall be for 3 years each, subject to the LMSA Board altering those terms in order to create a staggered term for the LMSA Board as authorized by Amendment Article IV of the LMSA Articles of Incorporation. **Motion to reappoint Mike Boyd and Kerry Keith to LMSA Board of Directors – Boyd/Redes – B,R,K,H,P – all yes**

**5. Cadet Training:** Jason Baughan (Assistant Fire Chief, Selma Twp & employee of Wexford/Missaukee CTC) asked board to consider partnering with CTC to allow students to come on fire/accident scenes. Students would be covered by CTC's insurance, would be no cost to Selma Township. They have gear that they would show up in. Jason would use his personal vehicle to bring 3-4 students, who would be seniors in the program, to the Fire Dept. They would be at staging, would not be allowed in the hot zone. **Motion to approve partnering with CTC for Cadet Training – Boyd/Redes – B,R,K,H,P – all yes**

**6. Elections:** Presidential Primary is coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> of March. The following individuals will be working this election: Peggy Bazuin, Lisa Greenfield, Janet Smythe (as Chair), Carol Perrin, and new recruits Cheryl Hall and Cathy Janik.

**Unfinished Business**

1. **Skatetricity:** Boyd: Skatetricity is being foreclosed upon by the County for back taxes. Owners have until March 31 to pay or lose the property.

2; **Veterans Display at Courthouse:** Boyd spoke with MI Twp Association, who said the Township can legally donate to the local Veterans. Will try to work a donation amount into the budget.

**Correspondence**

Lake Mitchell Property Owners. Boyd: Covered this earlier in meeting.

**Board Comments**

Due to elections, next township meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2020. Keith and Boyd will not be at next meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM**