

**LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 5, 2015**

Mayor Culpepper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman Rhodabeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Alan Ducastel, Brian Fredline, David Rhodabeck, Larry C. Sparkes, Larry L. Sparkes and Micheal Culpepper. Absent: David Hartman

Public comment – George Gates wished those present a Happy New Year and commented on the City Council doing a good job. Dean Veith, President of Friends of the Laingsburg Public Library commented on the Silent Auction that the Friends held as a Fund Raiser.

1-15. Moved by L. L. Sparkes, seconded by Ducastel to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

2-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to approve the Treasurer's Report, and placed on file, subject to audit. Motion carried.

Neil Hammerbacher, auditor from Gabridge and Company, reviewed the City of Laingsburg's Financial Statements of June 30, 2014, with the City Council. The city is in sound financial condition.

3-15. Moved by L. C. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to re-appoint Christine Nowacki to the Board of Review for a three-year term (12-17). Motion carried.

4-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L. C. Sparkes to update the City of Laingsburg Personnel Handbook "EMPLOYEES' FULL TIME BENEFITS - Section a." changes in accordance with the Affordable Care Act 1/1/14. Motion carried. (copy of changed page attached to the minutes)

5-15. Moved by L. L. Sparkes, seconded by Ducastel, to approve the option for BCBSM Renewal for health Insurance for the City of Laingsburg full-time employees who opt to take the health care insurance be the BCN HMO Silver renewal option.

Yeas: L.L. Sparkes,

Nays: L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Absent: Hartman

Motion failed.

6-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the option for BCBSM Renewal for health care insurance for the City of Laingsburg full-time employees who opt to take health care insurance be the BCN HMO Gold renewal option.

Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Nays: None

Absent: Hartman

Motion carried.

Resolution #7-15

RESOLUTION ADOPTING “BALLOT PROPOSAL” LANGUAGE FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR “AMBULANCE SERVICES” TO THE CITY OF LAINGSBURG, MICHIGAN (for the May Election to be held May 5, 2015)

At a REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, City of Laingsburg, Michigan, held at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848, on January 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Councilperson L. L. Sparkes and seconded by Councilperson Fredline.

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg is party to an INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES with the Townships of Woodhull and Sciota for providing emergency services, particularly ambulance service to the entire City of Laingsburg; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Ten (10) Year “AMBULANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT” has expired and provision must be made to provide necessary funding for the continuation of such services in the City for the indefinite future commencing fiscal year 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg through its City Council desires to accept its proportional amount of fiscal responsibility for the next ten (10) Fiscal year’s operations and improvements (Fiscal years 2015-16 to 2024-25 inclusive) by levying a SPECIAL ASSESSMENT on all real property within the City not to exceed 1.1182 mills (\$1.1182 per thousand) annually for a total of \$25,864 for the first fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to put the question of raising money by SPECIAL ASSESSMENT for “Ambulance Services” to a vote of the electors of the City and in so doing, proposes the ‘BALLOT QUESTION” language on the attached ‘EXHIBIT” for the May 5, 2015 MAY ELECTION.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a request with the Clerk of Shiawassee County seeking approval of a BALLOT PROPOSAL on the May 5, 2015 May Election.
2. That at the Election the proposition on the attached EXHIBIT be placed on the ballot for consideration by the registered voters.
3. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election to the electors of the City by causing notice of the election to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least once before the said election date.
4. The City Clerk is directed to give notice of the last day of registration to vote in the election, to the electors by causing said notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least once before the last day of registration and thereafter to have proper ballots prepared and provided in sufficient quantity for the Election; and do all things and provide supplies necessary therefore as required by law to be done.

5. The proposition to be voted on at the election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the manner appearing on the attached EXHIBIT and all resolutions and parts thereof insofar as they conflict herewith be and the same are hereby rescinded.

AYES: Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline and Culpepper  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hartman

Motion carried.

## EXHIBIT

### BALLOT PROPOSAL

#### CITY OF LAINGSBURG

#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR EXISTING AMBULANCE SERVICE FUNDING WHERE 2004 TEN (10) YEAR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HAS EXPIRED

SHALL THE CITY OF LAINGSBURG BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NOT TO EXCEED 1.1182 MILLS (\$1.1182 per thousand) ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS (fiscal years 2015-16 to 2024-25 inclusive) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSIDIZING AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE ENTIRE CITY? THE CITY ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL COLLECT \$25,864 IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

- 8-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Ducastel to pay the bills in the amount of \$399,615.08 General Fund checks #37506 – 37599. Also electronic payments of EFPTS \$5,437.15 - Federal withholding, Social Security and Medicare and MERS for \$1,133.80 for December.  
Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and Culpepper  
Nays: None  
Absent: Hartman  
Motion carried.

9-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to thank the attorney from Plunkett and Clooney for assisting with the Pingree Hills Road Completion project. At this time council would like to know if the City can move forward with a special assessment for the completion of the project.

Yeas: L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Nays: L.L. Sparkes

Absent: Hartman

Motion carried.

Dean and Rosemary Ridsdale, owners of Rose Villa Retreat in downtown commented on the recyclers moving their once a month recycling drive to the Roosevelt Row location. It was recommended that they will meet with Rob Frank, the DPW Supervisor and the Laingsburg Recyclers Board to work out any conflict they may have.

10-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Ducastel to adjourn. The meeting motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Lana Kaiser  
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper  
Mayor