

Town of Little Creek Council Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2025

The meeting of the Little Creek Town Board was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Edward Strouse. Three Commissioners were present in person and one Commissioner attended via Zoom. Commissioner T. May declared that four out of four members of the Board of Commissioners were present, therefore, the Town Council had a quorum and was free to conduct business and begin the meeting. The four members of the Board of Commissioners present for the Town of Little Creek Council Meeting: Commissioner Edward Strouse, Commissioner Adrienne Hegman, Commissioner Dennis May and Commissioner Theresa May. Six members of the public were in attendance in person for the general meeting: Penny Gentry, Clay Crommett, Joanne Sullivan, Joseph McGonigal, Shawn Brighenti and Sam Gentry. Three members of the public attended the meeting via Zoom and one Commissioner: Commissioner Adrienne Hegman, Angie Strouse, Bill Clark, Carol Williams.

The meeting minutes from the previous month were electronically sent to the commissioners for their review prior to this meeting. These minutes were also made available to all in attendance as hard copies. A motion was made by Commissioner D. May and seconded by Commissioner T. May to accept the minutes as received from the secretary/clerk. The motion was put to a full board vote where it was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report covering the period from March 3, 2025, to April 7, 2025, was sent in electronic form to the Commissioners prior to the meeting for review. The report, and the list of current bills, was presented verbally by Mayor Strouse to those in attendance. Since there were no questions posed by the residents, Commissioner T. May made a motion to accept the report as presented and to pay the current bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner D. May. When put to a full vote by the board it was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- a) **Planning Commission** – Carol Williams and Commissioner Arrington
 - Nothing new to report.
- b) **Parks and Recreation** – Commissioner Hegman
 - Upcoming event: Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 20, 2025 at noon.
 - Need donations for stuff for eggs. Adrienne is filling the eggs. Angie Strouse and Bella Valentine will provide the activities for the kids.
 - i) **Dog Park** - Mr. Hegman/Ms. Freese
 - Need new solution for wells, pitcher pumps not doing well.
 - Exploring potential solutions. Possible solution: NO complimentary water
 - Irrigation well \$4,000. Not going to do this at this time.
 - c) **Code Enforcement** – Commissioner Strouse
 - Sending a 30-day letter to the tow yard.
 - Sending a 30-day letter to the Bailey property.
 - Mayor Strouse posted a message on Facebook concerning grass cutting.

- Mayor Strouse received communication from Ed Angwin concerning the vehicles at 326 Main Street. Mr. Angwin is working to find someone to remove them from the property.

d) **Little Creek Fire Company Report** – President Frazier/Chief Scott Bundek

- Received the new D-Con truck.
- Received additional building permit for work inside the hall.

Old Business –

a) **Northern / Southern Flood Study** - Commissioner Strouse

- The Nature Conservancy study is being commissioned.
- The study is being funded by the Air Force Base.
- Looking at the Lebeau property again. The original appraisal was amended and new appraiser has appraised the property and the 50 ft easement on wastewater.

b) **ORPT** – Commissioner Strouse

- ORPT Max. \$75,000
- Buckson \$30,000
- Grant has been extended to December
- ORPT 2025 – Will be used for the new pavilion. A 20x40 ft pad will be needed for the new pavilion. The ORPT Max. \$45,000. The Town portion is \$15,000. CTF funds from Representative Carson have been disapproved due to this project's determined ineligibility.
- Mayor Strouse received two quotes for the new pad:
Quote #1 – \$7,600.00 from Dill Masonry
Quote #2 - \$8,300.00 from Quality Concrete

c) **Kent County Grant** – Commissioner Strouse

- The cost of the bathroom will cost \$120,000.
- No additional information.

d) **Pedestrian Study/Traffic Calming** – Commissioner Strouse

- The \$1,000 fee was paid by the Town. One workshop was held at the Firehouse. One more workshop will be scheduled.

e) **Municipal Elections** – Commissioner Strouse

- There is still one position left unfilled.

f) **Building Permit Fee Increase** – Commissioner Strouse

- The Building Permit fee is now \$50.00.

g) **Tow Yard Update** – Commissioner Strouse

- There has been no contact from the owner.
- The environmental study is in progress.
- DNREC used a drone to collect areal views of the property.
- Sending out a 30-day letter.

h) Well Testing Update– Commissioner Strouse

- A public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm. The meeting is to be held at the Firehouse.
- DNREC is aware that the residents of the town are unhappy.
- Some letters were never received from the initial testing.
- Some letters concerning results were sent to the wrong residents.
- New letters are being mailed out tomorrow and will also be available in hard copy at the scheduled meeting.
- If your well tested positive once, you can get a new well at no cost to you.

i) Spring Clean Up Day – Commissioner Strouse

- Commissioner D. May will plan a day for this in May and will announce it at the next meeting.

New Business – Commissioner Strouse

a) NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) Compliance Walkabout

- The audit was conducted on April 2.
- The report will come out in 90 days.

b) Budget set at \$100.00 for arts and crafts supplies for the Egg Hunt on the 20th. A motion to reimburse up to \$100.00 for supplies was made by Commissioner T. May and seconded by Commissioner D. May. The motion was put to a vote of the full board where it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

- Warf Rats – Should report this directly to Kent County.
- Pickle Ball Clinic scheduled for April 12th.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner T. May and seconded by Commissioner D. May. Motion was carried, and the meeting officially ended at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa May

Secretary