

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 13, 2010

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on April 13, at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Florian, Kevin Gillette, Stacy Loar-Porter, Tom Norbey, Terrie Smith and Dick Stauffer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Deb Peterson.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

CHANGES TO AGENDA. Moved Medic One and Library Report to the beginning of the meeting.

**MEDIC ONE.** Medic One representative reported they had a total of 81 calls for the month of March in Lincoln Township.

**LIBRARY.** Dina Reilly reported the library is getting ready for their summer reading program. The Library is hosting a Teen Iron Chef Cook-off May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. The Library will be hosting The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival on the lawn area by the Township Hall on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The Library will also be working with a collection agency to collect on some of their serious delinquent accounts.

**PRESENTATIONS.** None

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Letter from Comcast advising of free preview of the NHL Network and beginning May 12 their TV Polonia Package will change to the Polish Super Pack.
2. Letter from Comcast announcing their price increases.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.** Gillette moved, seconded by Loar-Porter, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the 3/9/10, special noon, regular meeting
2. Minutes of the 3/31/10 special meeting
3. Approve the 4/14/10 and 3/26/10 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 139,021.07
Parks Fund	6,200.62
Parks Capital Improvement	-0-
Cemetery Fund	1,334.44
Building Fund	12,392.40
Township Improvement Fund	-0-
Police Fund	102,233.34
Police Drug	-0-
Police Capital Improvement	-0-
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	81,038.32
Sewer Improvement	-0-
Water Enterprise	

Water Operating	20,668.36
Water Improvement	-0-
Investments	1,000,000.00
TOTAL	1,362,888.55

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None

**NEW BUSINESS.** None

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT.**

**Drain Commission.** Hollywood Drain will assessments have been presented.

**Meijer Report.** Township Engineer Austin reported the demolition of the buildings has begun.

**Roads.** Stauffer presented a request for support to place a request for a .25 millage for 5 years on the August ballot for road improvement, maintenance and repairs. The millage would create approximately \$ 154,000 in revenue. There has been a shortage in funding for roads at the county level which has greatly impacted the Township. The millage would increase an average \$100,000 home’s taxes by \$25.00 per year.

Gillette is in favor of the millage but suggest we check with legal counsel on the millage affect on village residents. The Village receives money from the State for road repairs and improvements; the Township does not maintain the Village roads.

The Board directed Attorney Dienes to draft possible millage language.

**CLERK’S REPORT.**

**Book Balances** for March will be presented at the May meeting. March is the end of the fiscal year and the books are still being closed.

The auditor will be here beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>.

After the 2009/10 year has been completed Loar-Porter will present the board with the year end financials and the five year financial model with the anticipated revenue shortages for further review.

**TREASURER’S REPORT.** Nothing to report at this time.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT.** The attorney is working on licensing language for the licensing ordinance. Planning Commission will first review the language then present to the board for approval.

Commission is considering possible changes to the sign ordinance.

A public hearing has been set for May 10, 2010 for a special use permit amendment. The amendment request is to remove the red light on a tower and replace them with flashing strobe lights.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT.** Distributed to board.

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT.** Distributed to board.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT.** Two single family residential permits were issued in February.

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT.** Distributed to board.

**FIRE BOARD.** Minutes were emailed.

**Appoint Officers for 2010. Motion Carried.** Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stauffer, to appoint 2010 officers as follows:

Assistant Chief Randy Fletcher, Captain Scott Wiederwax, Lieutenant Chris Malich.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT.** Distributed to the board by e-mail.

**PARKS REPORT.** Smith reported treatment of the baseball/softball and soccer fields have begun. Bids for the restroom/concession stand project and water/sewer utilities project will be opened on 4/29/10.

**WATER/SEWER.**

**Sewer Interceptor Project.** Stauffer reported interceptor project is under way.

**Authorities.** Al Pscholka will be leaving both authorities as of 6/30/10. The Township Board will be appointing a new representative and as previously agreed the representative will be a resident of the Village of Stevensville.

**Public Comment.** None

**ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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