

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL NOON MEETING
April 14, 2009

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR DICK STAUFFER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2009.

Notice was posted April 6, 2009.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on April 14, 2009 at 11:35 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norbey, Smith, Stauffer, Florian, Loar-Porter and Peterson.
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gillette.

ALSO PRESENT: Engineer Austin

Stauffer reported that mediation began April 13th in regards to the lawsuit over the water and sewer lines.

Berrien County Road Commission. The BCRC has informed the Township it's determined that sections of Holden Rd. and Marquette Woods Rd. will need to be repaired this spring and the estimated cost is approximately \$30,000 this will not take away from our seal coat projects.

Diversity Training. Discussion was held on the information Stauffer gathered for the Diversity Training program. It was agreed that the training be mandatory for all township employees (Township Hall, Maintenance Dept., Police Dept. and Fire Dept.). A committee will be formed to schedule training sessions so that all employees are able to attend.

I & M/ AEP Electric Service Franchise. Barry Visel, Manager, Community Relations, presented a petition for Grant of Electric Service Franchise. State Constitution states townships have to designate a company to grant a franchise. A benefit is for work done in the road right-of-way the township is held harmless if there are any problems with the company's equipment. The contracts are all no longer that 30 years, but no shorter than 10 years and is revocable at anytime.

Discussion was held on how rates are determined. Visel stated rates fluctuate and are determined by the Public Service Commission. He expects there will be an increase, the new rate case will be open for process in two years and there will be new tariffs.

Florian requested that the Township Attorney review the Franchise and report back to the Board.

SWRSS&W Authority. Chuck Garlanger and Ray Mak presented the 2009-2010 Budget. LMSWT Authority only manages funds for the water tower bonds. Garlanger reported the authority has been guarding their money and earning interest in hopes to relieve the Townships and make 1 year's principal and interest payment.

The water tower in Lincoln Township is being leak tested. The 1st test resulted in a leak; the leak was welded and retested.

Authority is applying for stimulus/grant money for a low interest loan for an interceptor project; the application deadline is May 5th.

Personnel Issue. Employee Tammie Simpson addressed the board concerning a personnel issue.

Stauffer presented a draft of the Term Sheet between the City of St. Joseph and Lincoln Charter Township, Royalton Township and St. Joseph Charter Township and the SWMRSS & W Authority. Austin stated there is a methodology developed on how rates are setup for maintenance etc., but questioned how the rate structure would apply to capital expenditures.

Stimulus/ Grant Funding. Austin reported if the Township applies for the non-motorized path enhancement grant the general grant matching is 25% of the cost, but competitive fund matching is about 50%. There is an estimated cost of \$ 600,000 for the non-motorized path be extended on S. Roosevelt and Marquette Woods. He needs to know if the Township would be in a position to have the matching funds for this project. Florian requested that Austin look into creative ways to find the possible funding.

Pay Increase. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Norbey to increase summer temporary employee Tim Getz to \$8.25 per hour.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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