

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL NOON MEETING
April 8, 2008

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 8, 2008.

Notice was posted April 4, 2008.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on April 8, 2008, at 11:36 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peterson, Smith, Stauffer, Jewell; Florian arrived at 11:39;
Geisler arrived at 11:46 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pscholka.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dienes, Lynee Wells – Planner, and Dave Austin – Engineer.

Zoning Ordinance. Lynee gave a brief history of the development of the new zoning ordinance, including the ‘sub area plan’, associated public informational meetings, and explained the zoning changes included in the new ordinance. Larry Merritt questioned the procedure for changing the zoning without notifying each resident affected. Lynee responded every property is affected by the new ordinance and individual letters are not required. If Merritt wants his property rezoned, he would need to apply for that zoning and the township would set a public hearing and notify the affected properties. Because residents on Locust Lane requested a public hearing, the board will set the public hearing and notify those Locust Lane residents.

Discussed drain assessments; NPDES; Rental Ordinance amendment; litigation updates; Stauffer will continue investigation of sewer back-up on Ridge Road and notification of health department; resident claim for damage to car from manhole cover – our insurance denied claim; need to pay firemen for training and meeting with manufacturer about new fire truck; possible millage; police millage renewal; “safe routes to schools” grant; ADA pathway at soccer field; amendment to cell tower ordinance.

Summer Employees. Motion Carried. Geisler moved to give \$.25 hour increase to returning employees and \$8.00 hour to the new employee. There will be four seasonal full time employees.

Police Car, Radio, & Access Reader. Motion Carried. Geisler moved, seconded by Stauffer, to authorize the police chief to purchase a police car, not to exceed \$25,000, radio, and access reader as included in the budget.

Stevensville DDA. Smith reported we had not received information as requested by Attorney

Dienes last year and we have never received the required annual report. Board concurred we could not send them tax dollars without proper authorization.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Sharon Geisler, Clerk

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