

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL NOON MEETING  
August 11, 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 AUGUST 11, 2009.

Notice was posted August 4, 2009.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on August 11, 2009 at 11:38 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Florian (*arrived at 11:43 am*), Loar-Porter, Norbey, Smith, and Stauffer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gillette and Peterson.

ALSO PRESENT: Engineer Austin, Attorney Dienes.

**Lakeshore Booster Fireworks Permit Application. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Norbey, to approve the fireworks permit issued to Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. for displays at Lakeshore High School Football Field on 8/28/09, 9/11/09, 9/25/09 and 10/2/09. Certificate of Liability Insurance has been furnished.

**Comcast Franchise Agreement**

Lori Masapollo, Comcast Representative, presented a request for acknowledgement of contract extension. The existing franchise agreement contained a commitment to upgrade, stating that upgrades had to be made within a specified time frame. Masapollo stated Comcast made the upgrades in the time frame specified therefore the agreement would be extended to April 9, 2022.

The Board questioned the areas in the Township which residents still do not have cable or high speed internet services. Masapollo stated that Comcast reviews the area after a resident has made a request for service if it is not profitable enough to expand then Comcast does not expand.

Discussion was held on the lack of cable and internet service build-outs by Comcast.

**Comcast Franchise Extension Renewal. Motion Failed.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Norbey, to authorize the supervisor to sign the acknowledgement agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: Norbey and Stauffer. Nays: Florian, Loar-Porter and Smith.

Stauffer and Loar-Porter reported information gathered at the State Efficiency Commission Public Hearing held in Grand Rapids August 6<sup>th</sup>. Main focus was on restructuring revenue sharing for specific services, mandating state provided health insurance and purchasing. The commission reported the possibility of creating an Intergovernmental Advisory Office to facilitate the changes and standards. The commission will present the recommendation to the State October 1, 2009.

Loar-Porter requested that she and Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Gebhard begin to investigate

adding a full-time maintenance employee to work only on the sewer lines and create a sewer prevention maintenance program. The goal being to maintain our sewer lines on a scheduled basis to prolong their life and stability and to have a documented maintenance program. Loar-Porter will present a proposed job description and program outline at the next board meeting.

**Planning Commission.**

Florian reported the Planning Commission preferred the PUD requirements used by Petoskey, MI. Their ordinance refers to a developer that seeks variance in height for a PUD the developer will have to provide graphic illustrations of the visual impact of the structure.

Board requests the Planning Commission to look into developing a recommendation for height restriction similar to Petoskey, MI.

Planning Commission is working with the Planner and Attorney on language for the Special Uses Land section 230.943B.

**Parks.**

Norbey and Smith are going to hold the first committee meeting the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>, then hold a meeting for the Recreation Plan September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Norbey reported the signs at the Chicago St. beach are being removed and the signage needs to be replaced. Requested that we look into the possibility of creating informal parking.

Smith is going to request that the Police lock up the parks. The soccer park was vandalized and equipment was stolen.

Austin gave an update on the Safe Routes to School project.

**Sewer Interceptor Project.**

Stauffer reported that the interceptor project will not be receiving any grant funding. The project did not receive enough points to qualify.

Stauffer presented a proposal from Marc Beauchamp, Utility Financial Services, to complete a long term financial projection on how to fund the fixed bonding for the interceptor project.

**Contract UFS study for Interceptor Project Bonding. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Florian, to authorize Supervisor to sign proposal for Utility Financial Services to complete a long term financial projection and rate design for the Wastewater Department concerning the possible funding options for the fixed bonding for the Hickory Creek Interceptor Project.

There being no further business, the Clerk adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

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Stacy Loar-Porter

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