

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 11, 2009

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on August 11, at 7:08 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, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith and Dick Stauffer.  
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

CHANGES TO AGENDA. None.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

Two public hearing notices from MGU. Comcast Letter announcing TV Polonia Subscription Service for Polish speaking audiences. Letter from I & M announcing Speakers Service for public meetings. Letter from a resident regarding recommendations for Glenlord Beach

**WATER AUTHORITY. HICKORY CREEK SEWER INTERCEPTOR PROJECT.**

Tom Deneau presented the status of the State Revolving Fund Grant Application, Authority was contacted by MDEQ and the preliminary calculations indicate that our application was 77<sup>th</sup> out of 114, they are only funding the top 46. Grant funding for the project will not be possible. The process to acquire a low interest SRF loan will continue. Deneau recommended that the townships should continue to move forward even without the SRF funding. A proposed rate vs. current rate worksheet was given to the board with examples of rate structure depending on the type of funding acquired.

PRESENTATIONS. Eagle Scout Adam Hershberger presented a PowerPoint presentation of the wooden picnic tables and garbage containers that he constructed for the parks to earn his Eagle Scout Badge.

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

1. Minutes of the 7/14/09, special noon, regular meeting
2. Approve the 8/12/09 and 7/31/09 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 107,619.76
Parks Fund	10,579.65
Parks Capital Improvement	552.82
Cemetery Fund	2,855.55
Building Fund	12,682.28
Township Improvement Fund	-0-
Police Fund	96,843.63
Police Drug	-0-
Police Capital Improvement	-0-
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	63,334.13
Sewer Improvement	-0-
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	4,465.74

Water Improvement	-0-
TOTAL	298,933.56

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None

**NEW BUSINESS.** None

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT.**

**Drain Commission. Ponderosa Heights Drain.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Gillette, to approve authorizing the Drain Commissioner to expend in the excess of \$5,000 per mile to maintain and repair Ponderosa Heights Drain. *Resolution# 09-15. Attachment A.* Roll Call Vote: Florian, Gillette, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer. Nays: None.

Discussion was held on the issue of the sink hole being the responsibility of the Road Commission; board felt the BCRC should have a larger assessment. Stauffer will contact BCRC and BCDC.

**Berrien County Road Commission.**

The roads selected for slurry and chip sealing begin the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a total of 26 roads in the project. Notices will be placed on resident’s doors by the BCRC 24 hours prior to the work being done.

**CLERK’S REPORT.**

**Book Balances** at 7/31/09 are as follows: \$890,708.44 in the general fund; \$883,625.15 in police; \$21,380.45 in parks; \$73,703.82 in cemetery; \$30,951.54 in building; \$203,490.51 in township improvement; \$27,060.39 in police capital; \$54,647.82 in parks capital; \$2,255,492.33 in sewer operating; \$1,994,895.53 in sewer replacement; \$275,955.92 in sewer improvement; \$2,244,920.77 in water operating; \$718,989.58 in water replacement; \$4,671,789.14 in water improvement; \$122,056.22 in trust & agency; \$3.80 in Glenlord sidewalk special assessment; \$0.00 in DeFay Rd. special assessment; and \$117,745.12 in street lighting. We also have funds in T & A delinquent taxes \$4,420.90; tax account \$983,323.44; fire station debt \$77,962.06; library bond \$152,790.40; flex spending \$5,196.97.

**2009 Millage Rates. Motion Carried.** Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Peterson, to levy the maximum allowable millage rates for 2009 for the Township and the Airport Authority as listed on the L-4029. The budget public hearing included the 2009 tax rates. **Attachment B.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT.** Smith reported earnings of \$48,848 in interest YTD.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT.**

At the noon meeting the Board requested that the Planning Commission review the Petoskey, MI ordinance in reference to PUD height variances and develop a similar ordinance.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on 9/14/09 at 7:05 p.m. to add a new standard to Article 9 Special Land Uses Section 230.943 B. regarding density calculations of mixed use developments.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT.** August meeting cancelled.

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

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT.** One single family residential permit was issued in July. Year to date there have been four permits for single-family dwellings.

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

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

**FIRE BOARD REPORT.** Peterson reported that the Fire Board is continuing to review the Cost Recovery Ordinance. They are also researching vehicle lights for the officer's, will present at the next board meeting.

Corey Teed passed his Firefighter I & II State Certification, Richard Wing passed his Firefighter I & II challenge, Randy Fletcher and Ron Burkett passed the Firefighter II challenge.

The Fire Department has developed a website, [www.lctfd.org](http://www.lctfd.org).

**LIBRARY REPORT.** There were over 1,050 participants and over 1,300 books read in the summer reading program. The Library expressed their thanks for the use of the Community Center and field which hosted the Annual House of David Echoes vs. Berrien County Bench Beamer, over 100 people attended the game.

**PARKS REPORT.** Smith reported the Board is still looking for citizens to participate in the Lincoln Charter Township Parks and Recreation Committee. Resumes will be accepted until August 21st. The first 5 year Park Recreation Plan meeting will be held September 9, 2009.

**Public Comment.** Resident inquired what steps the Township takes for checks and balance for finances. Loar-Porter and Smith explained some of the procedures in effect.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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