

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL NOON MEETING  
February 12, 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 JANUARY 22, 2008.

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THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on February 12, 2008, at 11:35 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Smith, Stauffer, Geisler, Jewell and Pscholka.  
Florian arrived at 12:35.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peterson.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dienes arrived at 12:14

Attorney Jim Nelson arrived at 11:50

**Fire Board.** Some of the members were present. They will be including a full time fire chief in their budget request. They were looking for direction from us as to what data they should prepare, and they thought we should ask the residents to approve a millage. Pscholka asked: how are area fire departments supported; how are they staffed; is there a better way to provide services than we do now? Florian questioned if we could share a chief. The Fire Board will research and present information to the Board for discussion.

**Closed Session. Motion Carried.** Pscholka moved, seconded by Jewell, to enter closed session at 12:05 p.m. as authorized under Sections 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(e) to consult with our attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the pending litigation filed by Rita Reid, Trustee of the Rita Reid Trust, against Lincoln Township, for the reason that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Smith, Stauffer, Geisler, Jewell and Pscholka. Nays: None. Stauffer moved, seconded by Florian to end the closed session at 1:45 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

**Sewer Extension of Marquette Woods Road. Motion Carried.** The developer of Forest Brook Subdivision, on Marquette Woods Road, is extending the sewer line from Washington. We have been asked by a resident further east on Marquette Woods if we would extend the line further. Our engineer has reviewed the project and suggested we extend the line an additional 530 feet to the end of the residentially zoned area. From Washington, there would be seven properties that could hook up to the sewer system. The engineer putting in the sewer line for the developer will do the extension and install the laterals while all of his equipment is already there. Stauffer moved, seconded by Jewell, to approve the sewer extension and spread the additional cost to the seven identified properties equally and authorize the treasurer to disperse funds upon approval of engineer and contractor; and hook-up will be required and paid for upon failure of their septic system, at the request of the property owner, or upon sale of the property. The property owners will pay the entire amount when they hook-up to the system and no interest will be charged. The seven properties are: 11-12-0023-0009-04-8; 11-12-0014-0016-03-7; 11-12-0014-0016-01-1; 11-12-0014-0040-05-1; 11-

12-0014-0040-06-0; 11-12-0014-0040-07-8; and 11-12-0014-0040-08-6.

**Reimburse Developer for Over Sizing Sewer Line. Motion Carried.** Jewell moved, seconded by Stauffer, to reimburse the developer of Forest Brook Subdivision for over sizing the sewer line at \$3.50 per foot from Washington to the end of his line.

Discussed liquor license transfer, resolution for financing purchase of fire truck at reduced interest rate of 3.38%, ordinance to update mechanical and plumbing codes, and the water & sewer authority operating agreement.

**Relinquish Easement on Marquette Estates II. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Florian, to authorize Stauffer to execute relinquishment of storm and/or sanitary sewer easement on Marquette Estates II so long as a replacement easement is in place.

**Employee Prescription Reimbursements. Motion Carried.** Florian moved, seconded by Pscholka, to reimburse employees the difference between \$10 and \$40 per prescription effective 2/1/08.

**Water Plant Updates.** Pscholka reported by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008, the City of St. Joseph wants to borrow \$20 million for improvements for the water plant. The Authority would be responsible for \$14 - \$15 million of this debt and Lincoln Charter Township would be responsible for 55% of the Authority amount. We need to give serious thought to possible alternatives or changes of operation.

**Parks.** Discussed grant for restrooms at the soccer park, and ADA pedestrian path.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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Sharon Geisler, Clerk

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