

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
FEBRUARY 17, 2010

THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SET A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010.

THE BUDGET WORKSHOP of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Florian.

**Auditor Term Correction. Motion Carried.** Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Peterson, to correct the term limit stated at the February 9, 2010 evening meeting for Scarpone & Co. from a 5 year term to a 3 year term with the option of extending two additional years upon agreement of both parties.

**Set Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried.** Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Peterson, to set a budget public hearing for 7:05 p.m. on March 9, 2010.

Police Chief Sullivan presented the requested police budget which requested one police car for \$25,000. The Chief would like to maintain the schedule of purchasing a new vehicle each year. He stated that there will be no increase for the administration staff this year. The chief chose to freeze his salary for the year. The patrol officers, detective and sergeant will receive 3% pay increases as dictated by the union agreement.

Discussion was held on the reporting changes being mandated by the Liquor License Commission.

Sullivan reviewed his list of request which included; computer upgrades, 2 new tasers, 2 bullet proof vests and upgraded patrol rifle.

Discussion was held on the decrease in property taxes and how it will affect the police millage and changes being made at the State Police level and how those will affect the Township at a local level.

Fire Chief Ron Burkett presented the fire department requested budget and small equipment request list. Stated the department did not change much in the budget. Contracted service has increased for next year to cover NFPA hose testing. The small equipment requested included; hand tools for the rescue truck, hydrogen cyanide detectors, and 3 new pagers for new members. The fixed assets requested included; 2 vehicle stabilization jacks, air chisel set, hose roller, extension ladder and mini pedal cutter. The proposed budget included no increase for the officers or firefighters.

Discussion was held on the next truck that would need to be replaced. The old tanker is next in line however the department would benefit more by purchasing another pumper rather than a new tanker. The pumper would better suit the department's needs.

The parks operating budget was presented it included purchasing of scheduling software, moon dust for the ball fields and line paint for the soccer fields. It also includes funds to have the areas in Lincoln Beach and North Lake Park graded to help with the potholes. The irrigation at the soccer field will also be inspected and any necessary repairs are to be made.

The Parks Capital budget includes possible repairs to the Glenlord Beach overlook. Sand and play equipment, bench swings, and adult fitness equipment at the Community Center. Play equipment at Lincoln Township Beach. The bathroom/concession building at the soccer complex. Turf and

irrigation at the park complex to move the rocket football program to Rocky Weed. Discussion held on moving the football program to the Rocky Weed Complex, there are continual park problems, issues with the availability of renting the Community Center and disturbances to the neighbors by having the group use the area behind the township hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Stacy Loar-Porter

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