

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 25, 2009

THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SET A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009.

THE BUDGET WORKSHOP of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Florian.

Set Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Gillette, to set a budget public hearing for 7:05 p.m. on March 10, 2009.

Police Chief Sullivan presented the proposed police budget which requested one police car for \$25,000. Normally this year would be a two car purchase year, but because the manufacture took longer to make the cars in 2008, it is not necessary to purchase two cars in 2009. We will purchase two cars next budget year. \$ 3,995 was requested to replace the windows in the Chief and Sergeant's offices to more energy efficient windows. All other equipment requested was under \$1200.00. The budget includes the current 11 officers (including the chief), with a 3% wage increase as per their union agreement. The general fund will subsidize the police capital fund.

Pete Fister, Fire Board Chairman presented the small equipment and fixed asset budgets. The proposed budget includes a full time chief and no increase for the officers or firefighters.

Stauffer requested a long term need list from the fire department. Ron Burkett stated that the next truck to be replaced is the 1984 tanker truck in 2011. However, he stated that the department would prefer to replace the tanker with another pumper truck because more areas are hydrant accessible.

Smith presented the proposed parks operating budget; \$20,000 for building and ground maintenance; scheduling software for \$1,500, and a share of the expense for the final Toolcat payment and a share of a pole barn to be built on the Cleveland Ave. park property. Also in operating the township is going to purchase the moon dust for baseball and the line paint for soccer. We get a better rate buying in bulk. Capital expenditures include; expansion and doors for North Lake and the Community Center pavilions; a bathroom facility to house portable restrooms for Lincoln Beach, restrooms at the soccer complex, a park sign and schedule board for the soccer complex, two new dugouts to be built and a well at the baseball/softball fields, and sod to be installed for the rocket football field.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter

