

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL NOON MEETING
January 13, 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 JANUARY 13, 2009.

Notice was posted January 6, 2009.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on January 13, 2009 at 11:32 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norbey, Smith, Stauffer, Florian, and Loar-Porter, Peterson arrived at 11:36 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gillette.

Stauffer announced that the Closed Session meeting with the Township Board and the Brownfield Authority to review a legal opinion was cancelled. The meeting planned for 2:30 pm with Meijer representatives had also been cancelled, both due to the weather conditions.

Discussion was held due to a notice received from I & M on tree trimming that will affect the trees at our Lincoln Township Cemetery and whether the trees could be trimmed or will they have to be completely removed. The Cemetery Board will meet and contact I & M with the decision.

Planning Commission. Florian reported that Cheslie Corp requested an extension on Wyndstone Estates Phase III due to the state of the economy. Planning Commission recommends approval.

Fire Department Time Sheets. Motion Carried. Florian moved, seconded by Peterson to approve payment for 10 hours of cause and origin investigation for the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief for the commercial fire at Small's property. A bill for the time will be sent to the insurance company. Board again requested current job descriptions for the fire department officers.

Fire Department NFIRS Report Fees. Suggested that the NFIR report fees be added to the fee schedule sheet.

Loar-Porter read a thank you letter from Mr. Hammermeister concerning the sewer back-up in his home on September 11, 2008.

Lakeside petition. Loar-Porter reported there were 1,097 valid signatures on the referendum petition for the Lakeside Beach Club rezone. Therefore it will be on the May 5, 2009 ballot. The May 5th election is a school election as well, but because the Township has an issue on the ballot the Township will be responsible for the cost of the election. Ballot language will be presented at the February board meeting for approval.

Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Assessor Barb Cheek presented the proposed changes for the current Poverty Exemption Resolution as recommended by the Board of Review. Board of Review

recommended a change to # 7 in the resolution to be revised to 'Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township Board: The net value of the asset test does not exceed \$15,000'. Smith stated she had additional information that she has received from other treasurers. Barb Cheek and Terrie Smith will meet and review application for poverty exemption and report back to the Township Board in February.

Land Division Fee Changes. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson to increase Land Division Fees from \$100 to \$ 200, additional split costs from \$25 to \$100 per split and combination splits from \$0 to \$100.

LMSW&STA Update. Water tower has not been filled at this time because a leak test has to be performed. The test requires the water to sit in the tower for 3 days without any circulation. Due to the weather they are worried about the water freezing. They will fill and test the tower when the cold weather has passed.

SWMRSS&SA Update. The authority is still in discussions with the City of St. Joseph and other Townships concerning the water contract.

Budget Workshops. Budget workshops for the 2009-2010 year have been set. Police, Fire and Parks will be February 25, 2009 at 6:30 pm. All others will be February 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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