

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL NOON MEETING  
July 13, 2010

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 JULY 13, 2010.

Notice was posted July 8, 2010.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on July 13, 2010 at 11:35 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Engineer Dave Austin.

**Drain Commission.** The Township received Notice of Apportionments for the Parker Drain and Glenlord Drain. The Hollywood Drain work has begun and should be completed by September.

**Berrien County Road Commission.** Cleveland Ave from 1/3 mile north of Rockey Weed to 1/2 south is closed and will remain closed for approximately 50 days. The Road Commission is enclosing the drains and widening the road.

**Meijer.** The project construction is slightly ahead of schedule. The Township received a request for a release of an easement for the old sewer line that serviced the building on Red Arrow Highway. Meijer has rerouted the new sewer line serving the 5 O'Clock to the south near the mobile home park and the old sewer has been abandoned. The new easement was granted; now that the old line has been abandoned we need to have a release of easement. Stauffer signed the Release of Easement on the Township's behalf on 6/14/2010.

**Approval of signing. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Florian, to approve Stauffer's signing of the June 14, 2010 Release of Easement. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, and Stauffer. Nays: None.

**Lincoln Township Volunteer Corps.** Stauffer reported the corps has painted 100 hydrants as of today.

**Inspection Services Agreement with the Village of Stevensville. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the Inspection Services Agreement with the Village of Stevensville to provide the Village with all building inspection and rental inspection services.

**Attachment A.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith, and Stauffer. Nays: None.

Loar-Porter announced the Primary Election is being held August 3, 2010. Polls are open 7:00

am- 8:00 pm. The Township precincts will be using the new E Poll Books. They are electronic poll books that record who has voted and the ballots issued to the voters. The laptops were paid for by the State of Michigan HAVA funds.

**Planning Commission.** Florian reported there was no business to conduct at the last Planning Commission meeting. At the evening meeting there will be three ordinances presented to the Township Board: the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance to amend a zoning classification; the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance to amend Section 230.804 of Article 8 (sign ordinance) and the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the regulatory Licensing Ordinance.

**Fire Department.** Peterson reported 8,995 feet of hose has all been tested, bar coded and recorded. The testing was completed without any hose failures.

#### **Parks.**

**Restroom/Concession Building.** Austin reported the contractor is finishing the painting and the electrical this week. The preliminary final walk through should be next week. There were no extra costs outside the original budgeted amount.

**Glenlord Overlook.** Smith reported receiving two complaints about the condition of Glenlord Overlook. A resident from Sable Shores addressed the board on some concerns of the condition of the park area. Her concern was the height of the trees, the lack of trimming on the bushes, various unstable fences and some loose/ dangerous boards on the deck area.

Florian stated he visited the overlook after receiving the letter, he felt the trees were serving their purpose of screening. The area is a critical dune area and while you can trim trees you can't remove their root system. Florian questioned if Sable Shore would be willing to help fund some of the improvements requested. Resident stated she would address the Sable Shores board regarding funding.

There was discussion held on the trees. The living trees will not be removed. There is one dead tree; Smith will inquire about having it removed.

The current fencing is not adequate and not secure. The Township will look into fencing options.

Smith stated she agrees the area needs to be cleaned and needs more attention. She will work with maintenance to remove the dead tree and trimming of the bushes.

**Water Authority.** Stauffer presented the water main valve turning exercise program presented by the SWMRSS&WA. The annual cost to the Authority will be \$21,750 until 2013.

**Water Main Valve Exercising Program. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to support the Authority's recommendation to use Wachs Water Services for the water main valve exercising program.

**Drains.** Smith questioned if the informational meeting for residents concerning the Parker Drain had been scheduled. Stauffer will contact the Drain Commissioner.

Roger Zilke will be at the next meeting to explain the change in apportionment percentages for the Township.

Florian requested that the Township Authority Representative speak to the Authority's contractor concerning the large amount of dirt being left on the roadway on John Beers Rd at the site of the entrance for the Hickory Creek Project .

Florian questioned why the flashing lights on the Midwest Radio communication tower have still not been removed. If they are not removed soon he would like to see the fine procedure initiated.

**Letter of opposition for HB 5930.** Board consensus was to send the letter written by Peterson on Township letterhead to our congressional leaders.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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Stacy Loar-Porter

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