

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2009

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on July 14, at 7:02 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Gillette, Marc Florian, Stacy Loar-Porter, Tom Norbey, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith and Dick Stauffer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

CHANGES TO AGENDA. None.

PRESENTATIONS. None.

Gillette requested to have Closed Session minutes of July 8, 2009 removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED. Gillette moved, seconded by Norbey, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the 6/9/09, special noon, regular meeting
2. Minutes of special meeting 6/16/09.
3. Minutes of special morning and evening meeting 6/22/09.
4. Minutes of special meeting 6/24/09.
5. Minutes of special meeting 7/8/09.
2. Approve the 7/15/09 and 6/29/09 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 225,077.37
Parks Fund	12,685.24
Parks Capital Improvement	-0-
Cemetery Fund	8,705.21
Building Fund	17,877.58
Township Improvement Fund	-0-
Police Fund	144,190.61
Police Drug	-0-
Police Capital Improvement	-0-
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	123,404.35
Sewer Improvement	-0-
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	44,267.17
Water Improvement	-0-
TOTAL	576,207.55

Closed Session. Motion Carried. Norbey moved, seconded by Gillette, the Board of Trustees to go into closed session as authorized under Sections 8(h) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15.268(e) at 7:10 p.m. to discuss closed session meeting minutes of July 8, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gillette, Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer. Nays: none.

Close Closed Session. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to close the closed session at 7:10 p.m.

Approve July 8, 2009 Closed Session Minutes. Peterson moved, seconded by Gillette to approve the closed session minutes of July 8, 2009 as discussed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gillette, Florian, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer. Nays: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS. None

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Drain Commission. Stauffer reported the Board approved a resolution to authorize the Drain Commissioner to exceed \$5,000 per mile to maintain and repair the Schultz Drain.

Stauffer reported the County Board of Determination held a meeting on June 30, 2009 in regards to the Zielke Vintage Estates Drain # 627. The Board deemed it was necessary and conducive to public health, convenience, or welfare to properties and residents of Lincoln Township to have drainage improvements completed.

Litigation Update.

Stauffer reported the U.S. Supreme Court denied Valerie Grosse's petition for writ of certiorari and the time to file for reconsideration has lapsed. The case is completed.

Other Items. Stauffer presented the plans for the MDOT carpool lot resurfacing and expansion on I-94BL at I-94. Smith requested that MDOT be contacted to clean up and mow the carpool area.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Book Balances at 6/30/09 are as follows: \$938,198.58 in the general fund; \$1,000,318.21 in police; \$25,573.05 in parks; \$82,677.42 in cemetery; \$44,430.66 in building; \$203,434.37 in township improvement; \$27,054.61 in police capital; \$54,639.70 in parks capital; \$2,133,092.63 in sewer operating; \$1,994,471.31 in sewer replacement; \$275,897.36 in sewer improvement; \$2,226,953.71 in water operating; \$718,836.68 in water replacement; \$4,670,800.17 in water improvement; \$121,858.92 in trust & agency; \$3.80 in Glenlord sidewalk special assessment; \$0.00 in DeFay Rd. special assessment; and \$117,727.88 in street lighting. We also have funds in T & A delinquent taxes \$24,891.34; tax account \$338.18; fire station debt \$77,962.06; library bond \$152,790.40; flex spending \$4,803.37.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Smith reported earnings of \$35,722 in interest YTD.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT.

Alabaster Estates Phase IV. At noon the Board approved the extension of the Alabaster Estates Phase IV subdivision tentative preliminary plat for two more years from June 12, 2009 to June 12, 2011.

Florian reported the Planning Commission is reviewing a variety of topics.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. July meeting canceled.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. No single family residential permit was issued in June. Year to date there have been three permits for single-family dwellings.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT. Distributed to board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Distributed to the board by e-mail.

FIRE BOARD REPORT. Distributed to board.

LIBRARY REPORT. Dina Reilly reported there were over 1,000 people participating in the summer reading program. The largest increase was in teens and adults. Upcoming events include Shakespeare Festival by Notre Dame Drama Club on July 24th and the House of David baseball game at the Community Center August 6th. Effective September the library will do away with individual printer, there will be a main printer at the reference desk and there will be a charge per page for everyone. This is due to the large amount of people who have been printing large items and not paying the proper amount.

PARKS REPORT. Smith reported the Board is still looking for citizens to participate in the Lincoln Charter Township Parks and Recreation Committee. Resumes will be accepted until July 20th.

WATER AUTHORITY. Smith reported by August all phases of the water tower should be complete. Everything is on time for the Hickory Creek Interceptor application. The Authority is working on a valve turning program; they are in need of a map with the valves marked. The valves have not been turned since 1973 the goal is to turn 20% of the valves a year.

The new Water Service Joint Operating Board will meet the 4th Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the City of St. Joseph Water Plant.

Now that all lawsuits have been dropped against the old authority they will meet to approve the budget so the remaining funds will available for use.

Florian requested information from the Authority concerning how much they spend on engineering services and contract services in general.

Public Comment. None.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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