

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL NOON MEETING  
July 8, 2008

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 8, 2008.

Notice was posted July 1, 2008.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on July 8, 2008, at 11:40 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peterson, Smith, Stauffer, Florian, Geisler, and Pscholka.  
Jewell arrived at 12:06 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dienes, and Planner Lynee Wells, and Engineer Dave Austin.

John Nelson, Zielke Estates Subdivision, requested the Board reconsider, and change the zoning of their subdivision. (The zoning was not changed on the new zoning map.) He asked for a sub-committee to review their request. It was noted they could file the paperwork and appropriate fee for a zone change with the Planning Commission. Florian reported the Planning Commission had a lengthy discussion on the matter. Florian and Peterson agreed to be on a committee for review. Pscholka expressed concern that if the Board did not change their zoning, wouldn't they still be unhappy. Stauffer will take steps to form a committee.

**Zoning Ordinance Fee. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to charge \$60 for a copy of the new zoning ordinance, which would cover the cost of the copy.

**Remove Temporary Sign Permit. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Geisler, to remove the temporary sign permit because they are no longer allowed in our ordinance.

**Reseal Fire Station Parking Lot. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved seconded by Geisler, to approve the \$3,100 estimate to reseal the fire station lot. It has been 10 years since it has been resealed.

**Township Hall Security System** is being reviewed for any cost savings.

**Fire Training Trailer** for flash-overs will be located in our parking lot for two days in September for county wide training.

**Closed Session. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Pscholka, to go into closed session as authorized under Sections 8(e) and 8(h) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15.268(e) and (h), at 12:00 noon, for the following reasons: (1) to consult with our attorneys regarding trial or

settlement strategy in connection with the pending litigation in the following matters: - Rita Reid,

Trustee of the Rita Reid Trust vs. Lincoln Township – Kimberly Risk & William Tucker vs Lincoln Charter Township Board, et al. for the reason that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect or the litigating or settlement position of the Township in both matters; (2) to discuss written opinions by legal counsel pertaining to the above-referenced pending litigation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Peterson, Smith, Stauffer, Geisler, Pscholka. Nays: none.

Jewell arrived at 12:06 p.m.

Peterson left at 1:00 p.m.

**Close Closed Session. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Smith, to close the closed session at 1:25 p.m.

Discussed Lakeside Family Church rezoning request, Forest Brook Subdivision final approval of final plat, and Lakeside Beach Club rezoning request.

Peterson returned at 2:03 p.m.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

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Sharon Geisler, Clerk

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