

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL NOON MEETING
JUNE 10, 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 JUNE 10, 2008.

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THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on June 10, 2008, at 11:34 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peterson, Smith, Stauffer, Jewell, Florian, Geisler, and Pscholka.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dienes, and Dave Austin – Engineer.

Office Computers. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Pscholka, to approve the purchase of six Dell computers at \$1,205 each, which were budgeted for in various departments. We need computers that can run both XP and Vista because our building, accounting and assessing software programs are not yet compatible with Vista.

NPDES Phase II Storm Water Permit. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Geisler to pay Fishbeck \$3,294.25 for the invoice dated 2/23/2008 through 5/16/2008. It was discussed to notify the DEQ that our storm drain does not constitute a drain system. Jewell questioned if we could be our own operator. Dave Austin suggested that we should question the allocation method and have Stauffer work first with the DEQ, addressing the fact that we really do not have a drain system. Austin mentioned that we have already looked at onsite storage, which is very costly. He recommends that we go to the DEQ first.

Marquette Woods Culvert. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Geisler to approve approximately \$12,300 from our matching road funds to replace the culverts on Marquette Woods Road between Washington and Lincoln Avenue. The township was made aware of the decaying condition of the culverts and as long as the road is currently under construction it only makes sense to do the replacements at this time.

Township Hall Security System. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Geisler to appropriate \$11,000 for security equipment for the Township Hall. There were discussions about the reason for the system and the actual number of cameras needed. A comment was made that it may have been beneficial to review the diagram prior to the vote. The discussion to install the system was due to threats from residents. The executive committee promised to review the setup prior to installation to make sure that the funds were not being used unnecessarily or in excess. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Smith, Stauffer,

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Geisler, Jewell. Nays: Florian, Peterson, Pscholka.

Hickory Creek Drain #225. Motion Carried. Pscholka moved, seconded by Peterson to approve the resolution to perform certain maintenance on Hickory Creek Drain #225. The township's portion will be 33%, or about \$11,000. *Resolution 08-12. Attachment A.* Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Peterson, Smith, Stauffer, Geisler, Jewell, Pscholka, and Florian. Nays: None.

Cowles and Wilson Drain. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Pscholka to approve the resolution to perform certain maintenance on the Cowles and Wilson Drain. The drain involves 212 properties within Lincoln and St. Joseph Charter Township. The Lincoln Charter Township's portion may be approximately \$10,000. *Resolution 08-13. Attachment B.* Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Stauffer, Geisler, Jewell, Pscholka, Florian, Peterson, and Smith. Nays: None.

We received a letter from Attorney John Nelson informing us that our insurance coverage for the Rita Reid litigation is depleted.

Tosi's Sewer. Stauffer gave an update on Tosi's sewer.

Going Out of Business Sale. Motion Carried. Geisler moved, seconded by Smith to charge \$50.00 for each application to be filed with the Township by businesses having a going out of business sale.

Planning Commission. Florian reported on the three public hearings held on June 2, 2008 and the commission's recommendations to the new zoning ordinance. They were addressing issues presented to the township board at the May meeting due to concerns about the Community Residential zoning near the Defay Road area and Locust Lane. Language will be added to require buffers in new Community Residential developments and suggested to change Merritt Engineering to Commercial.

Water Authority. Recommendations will be made to hire Mark Beauchamp to assist gathering information for joint ventures with St. Joseph City.

Public Comments.

John Nelson claims that we are inconsistent in our rezoning; not always rezoning to make zones conforming, but zoning for future use; and because the board does not listen, people are unwilling to attend the meetings.

Andrew Perry introduced himself as the architect for the Lakeside Beach project and offered to meet with anyone to review and walk his project.

Glenlord Beach. Not formally doing anything right now until we approach the DEQ to see if we can have Glenlord Beach removed from the critical dune listing. Pscholka asked if we have received any money from Rob Cummings for Glenlord Beach per his commitment to

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pay \$2,000 for each lot sold in his Ridge Road development. Mr. Elliot stressed urgency to begin working on Glenlord Beach.

Safe Routes to School. Still waiting to hear from the State regarding the grant.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Sharon Geisler, Clerk

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