

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2009

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR DICK STAUFFER FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH BERRIEN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER ROGER ZILKE WHOM WAS HOSTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO PRESENT PLANS TO IMPROVE STORM WATER DRAINAGE IN THE HOLLYWOOD ROAD AREA.

Notice was posted June 19, 2009.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on June 22, 2009 at 10:31 a.m. at the Board of Commissioners Room, Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Smith, Loar-Porter and Stauffer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peterson, Norbey, Florian and Gillette

ALSO PRESENT: Township Engineer Dave Austin and Building Official Jim Pheifer.

INTRODUCTIONS were made.

Drain Commissioner Zilke reviewed the agenda for the evening SRF Public Meeting.

Spicer engineering explained the only current change to the planned project was the outlet on Glenlord Rd. The natural outlet would empty into Yellow Creek.

**319 Grant (Basin Retrofit).** The County Drain Commission was awarded a \$315,000 grant with a 25% match from the district for the Hollywood Road Drain Basin that was constructed in 2002. The funds will be used to retrofit the basin as presented at previous public hearings held by the Drain Commission Office. Bidding is scheduled to begin this fall.

**319 Grant (Two Stage Channel).** The County Drain Commission has applied for a \$450,000 grant with a 25% match from the district for funds to complete two stage channel ditches and clean out of the entire Bort & Lambrecht Drain.

**State Revolving Fund Grant (SRF) Application.** The application requires resolutions of support from the municipalities involved and requires a public hearing to gather public comment. Zilke and Spicer Engineering present the alternative they feel is the best solution. The grant has the possibility of being a 0% interest loan, a low interest loan or current federal rate loan.

Alternative includes 2 outlets- NW & NE, conveyance improvements, w/o regional detention. The total preliminary estimate is \$6,010,000.00.

**Economic Development Grant (EDA).** This application is being filed on behalf of the County

Drain Commission through the ECT in Fette's office. The total application is requesting \$ 1.75 million in funds.

**319 Grant (Fall Application).** Drain commission will apply for this grant if the portion fits the requirements.

Zilke and Spicer reviewed the status of the easements needed to complete the project. They still need to acquire five easements on the Bort & Lambrecht Drain. They are also cleaning up the easement language for the 1901 easement on the Bort & Lambrecht drain , requesting the easement be a 100ft easement, the easements will also be properly recorded so they will show up when a title search is completed on the property.

**MDEQ permit applications.** Zilke reported the main interest of the MDEQ is the enclosure of drain in Glenlord, cleaning basin and storm water outlet. Some areas of the project are not required to be submitted to the MDEQ, but the commission plans to submit the entire project.

Zilke presented the minimum project assuming grant funds cannot be acquired. When questioned on the estimated cost of the minimum project Zilke estimated \$4 million.

Discussion was held on the issue of the high cost of the minimum bids in comparison to the cost of the entire project. Zilke stated he does not have pipe bids to compare cost to get an accurate cost.

Zilke was questioned about the cost to the residents, did he have worst-case scenario amounts that could be relayed to the municipalities and residents. Zilke stated he could not say how much the special assessment would be to the residents until after the bidding process was complete. He stated that once the bidding was complete he would contact the Townships and residents on the special assessment costs.

Spicer stated that the project would be bid in modules. If grant funding was not secured for the project certain modules could possibly be cut from the project without jeopardizing the entire project.

Loar-Porter left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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