

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2009

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR DICK STAUFFER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE BERRIEN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S APPLICATION FOR STATE REVOLVING FUNDS FOR THE HOLLYWOOD DRAIN.

Notice was posted June 22, 2009.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on June 24, 2009 at 12:01 P.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

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

Stauffer stated as a result of the public meeting held by the Berrien County Drain Commission on June 22, 2009 the Drain Commission is requesting the approval of a resolution of support to file the State Revolving Fund Grant application for the Hollywood Drain Corridor drain # 524.

Stauffer feels the Township needs to support the project because the Township petitioned to have this issue addressed.

Loar-Porter stated she supports the filing of the application for the SRF grant, however does not support the spending of \$6 million dollars without the majority of the funding being provided through grants and/or low or no interest loans. Loar-Porter felt there are too many 'what if's' and that land owners should have more information about what the project will cost them.

Smith stated she supports filing for the grants 100%, but feels the project should go back to the municipalities after the grant funds have been determined. A review of the funds needed to complete the project should be discussed.

Smith requested that the motion include language to request the Drain Commission to address the Township after the funding had been determined.

The Drain Commissioner is not required but can address the Townships after the Board of Determination has made their decision.

Discussion was held on the addition to the motion, Florian stated concern for legality of including the restriction to the resolution. The additional language was not added to the motion.

It was decided that a copy of the minutes will be sent to the Drain Commissioner's office.

**Resolution to Support SRF Grant Application. Motion Carried.** Stauffer moved, seconded by Florian, to approve a resolution of support for the Berrien County Drain Commissioner's application for funding from the State Revolving Fund for the Hollywood Road Consolidated Drain # 524. *Resolution # 09-13. Attachment A.* Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Smith, Stauffer and Loar-Porter.

**Public Comment.**

Larry Merritt agrees grant support is necessary. Stated there have been request from the involved municipalities engineering firms for information on the project. This information had not been received; he is concerned as to why they have not been given the information to review mutually.

Florian stated that copies of all applications filed in regards to the Hollywood Drain should be copied to the Township and made available for public review.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

---

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

---

Certified Copy