

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL NOON MEETING
June 8, 2010

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 8, 2010.

Notice was posted June 2, 2010.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on May 11, 2010 at 11:34 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dienes, Attorney O'Dowd and Engineer Austin.

Request to use Lincoln Township Beach Access. The Township received a request from a construction company to use Lincoln Township Beach as an access point to repair a seawall for a private resident on Dunham Path. The request entailed delivery of equipment and materials, using the beach opening to access beach, move equipment and materials across beach. The company agreed to improve the parking area when work was complete.

Stauffer stated concern of the extent of damage that would be caused by the large trucks on the road to the beach and the beach parking area. The construction representative stated the company would address the issue when work is completed but would not make a commitment to make the road improvements.

Norbey stated concern of the company occupying the already crowded parking area during the beach season. The representative stated the permits that need to be obtained would not be approved for 60-90 days, therefore work would not begin until after the summer season.

Florian stated it has never been a practice of the Township to allow approval for access of the beach for private uses. The road is not constructed to handle the heavy equipment use and the use would create an inconvenience for other property owners.

Denial of use of Lincoln Township Beach. Motion Carried. Florian moved, seconded by Norbey, to **deny** the construction company use of Lincoln Township Beach.

Assessing Report.

Assessor Barb Cheek and Attorney O'Dowd reported to the Board on the high number of tax appeals for this year. Majority of the appeals are for commercial properties. The economic times have created a large number of appeals this year. The expense for the Township associated with the appeals may exceed the budgeted amount for this year. Most of the expenses are incurred upfront in an effort to avoid going to Michigan Tribunal. There is a huge backlog of appeals at

Michigan Tribunal. The assessor handles all the residential appeals and the attorney and the assessor together handle the commercial appeals.

Bosch has an appeal filed for personal property; the assessor used the amounts reported by Bosch to develop the personal property values; Bosch is appealing the State issued multiplier that the assessor is required to use. Attorney O'Dowd stated that there should not be much time spent on this appeal and that the Township should just allow Michigan Tribunal to handle the appeal.

Village and Township intergovernmental agreement for inspection services. The Village of Stevensville has approached the Township about an agreement to perform building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical inspections within the Village.

Dienes stated we need to contact our liability insurance and inquire on the requirements and restrictions.

Dienes will review the final agreement.

Drains. Notice of Review of Apportionments for the Williamson and Hickory Trace Drains, the Township portions on the Williamson Drain is \$963 and Hickory Trace Drain is \$300. Notice of Review of Apportionments was received for the Parker and Glenlord Drains to bring the percentage paid between the County, Township at Large and Road Commission up to date.

Florian questioned why the Township percentage would change when the amount of land or boundaries have not changed. Stauffer will contact the Drain Commissioner for an explanation of the change.

Reid Litigation Update. Attorney O'Dowd gave an update on the Reid litigation. He has met with the courts and deadlines for filings have been set.

Planning Commission. Florian reported the Planning Commission held two public hearings; a rezone request of a PUD to revert back to residential and text amendment changes to the sign ordinance. The rezone request has been recommended for approval by the Commission.

The text amendment changes for the sign ordinance are all favored by the commission. The amendment will apply to all education facilities, government offices and places of public assembly. The amendment will be presented at the July Board of Trustees meeting for the first reading.

The licensing ordinance which originated as a bed and breakfast license had been adapted to apply to all special use permits. The language has been drafted and will be presented to the Board for the first reading at the July meeting.

Meijer. Austin reported that the sanitary lines are in and properly tested. The hydrants are being relocated according to the plans and the contractor has started on the footings for the gas station.

Parks.

Restroom/Concession Building. The work on the building at the soccer complex has begun, the footings have been poured and the walls will start to be erected soon.

Rocket Football. The Township will be receiving a large amount of dirt from the Hickory Creek Interceptor project, this dirt will be used to level out the ground and develop football fields at the 80 acre park.

South Shore Tennis program. The program begins June 14th they have approximately 50 kids signed up for the first session.

A professional football player from the Chicago area has contacted the Township requesting to use the current rocket football fields behind Township hall for a camp. Terrie will pursue the request and find out all the details of the request.

Lakeshore Rotary held their annual North Lake Park project this year. They removed all the old posts around the park and installed new cedar posts.

Wastewater Treatment. Stauffer reported that increases from the treatment facility will begin to be implemented each year instead of every other year. This year's increase will be 2.6%, which is less than the 4.0% the Township anticipated in their 2010/11 budget. Next year's sewer rates will be adjusted to reflect this difference in the increase.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter

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