

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL NOON MEETING
March 9, 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 MARCH 9, 2010.

Notice was posted March 3, 2010.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on March 9, 2010 at 11:40 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dienes and Engineer Austin.

Closed Session. Motion Carried. Gillette moved, seconded by Peterson, the Board of Trustees to go into closed session as authorized under Sections 8(h) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15.268(e) at 11:41 a.m. to review a written opinion by legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gillette, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer. Nays: none.

Close Closed Session. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Loar-Porter, to close the closed session at 12:26 p.m.

City of Riverview vs. DEQ Lawsuit. Stauffer explained that Lincoln Charter Township is part of a class action lawsuit filed by the City of Riverview. The suit deals with the State's storm water program. The base of the suit is the storm water program being an unfunded mandate by the DEQ. There are several township and villages included in the suit. There will be no costs to the Township for participating in the lawsuit. Attorney Dienes stated he saw no down side to participating.

Remain part of the Class Action Suit. Motion Carried. Gillette moved, seconded by Peterson, to remain a participant in the class action lawsuit, City of Riverview vs. DEQ.

AEP Indiana Michigan Power. Barry Visil addressed the board concerning the recent public hearing notice regarding rate increases. He stated there has not been a rate increase in several years. With the upgrades to smart meters, fuel transmission, improvements that are required to be performed on the grid, distribution and generation the rate increases are unavoidable. He stated that AEP plans to use trackers to avoid going years without increases in the future.

Fire Department. Chief Ron Burkett presented the Board with a print out of all the non-compensated hours worked by all the officers and firefighters, which totals about 1445 hours annually. He also presented a breakdown of the \$10,000 line item budget for hourly wages for 2010/11, which was questioned at the budget workshop. Peterson stated that she feels the

department does everything in their power to save on unnecessary expenses. Gillette stated his main concern is that there is not a written policy that states the duties included in the officer's salaries.

The Board requested that the Fire Board develop for each of the officer positions; a job description, what work/meetings/duties etc. are included in the base salary and what extra duties outside of the base salary they will receive extra compensation. The Board request that this be presented at the May 11th meeting.

Meijer. Austin reported the clean-up work is near completion. They are finishing capping; everything went according to plan and was cleaned to acceptable standards. Rockford Construction plans to begin building construction on April 1st.

There will be two sewer connections to the public sewer; one will be located to the south of the building and the second will be off of St. Joseph Ave to serve the convenience store and out lot.

Meijer's proposed fire protection lines have been redesigned; after Chief Burkett reviewed the original plans it was determined that there needed to be a larger dedicated line just for hydrant use. Upon suggestion of the Chief and Twp Engineer, Meijer made the changes to install a large dedicated water line.

Soccer Park. Austin reported that he is waiting on electrical plans for the restroom, upon completion of the plans, bidding will begin.

5 year Recreation Plan. The plan is ready for review by the Parks Committee.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter

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