

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2010

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on March 9, at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Gillette, Stacy Loar-Porter, Tom Norbey, Deb Peterson, Terrie Smith and Dick Stauffer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Marc Florian.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

CHANGES TO AGENDA.

PRESENTATIONS.

Chief of Police Dan Sullivan presented Officer Robert Peterson the Officer of the Year Award.

Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Gillette, to hold the budget public hearing, 7:09 p.m.

Loar-Porter presented the budget. Revenues are estimated to decrease by 5.4%; expenses increased 2.6 % due to elections being held in 2010/11. The staff and elected officials pay was not increased in 2010/11. The police officers received a 3% increase per their union contract; the chief of police chose not to accept his 3% increase to assist in offsetting declining revenues. Health insurance coverage had changed to high deductible plans which have assisted in lowering the premiums for 2010/11.

One of the largest expenses for next year is road improvements, the slurry and cape sealing that is performed each year has increased in cost significantly.

Close Public Hearing. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Gillette, to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Resolution to Approve 2010-2011 Budget, and wages, and Set 2010 Millage Rates. Motion Carried. Moved by Gillette, seconded by Loar-Porter, to approve the resolution to adopt the annual budget and to set the 2010 millage rates pursuant to the General Appropriations Act, and approve the 2010-2011 wage schedules. *Resolution # 10-03. Attachment A.* Roll Call vote: ayes: Gillette, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter to MGU and I&M regarding concerns of pending rate increases.
2. Comcast letter advising name changes of its video, internet and voice products to XFINITY TV, XFINITY INTERNET and XFINITY VOICE.
3. Comcast letter advising that February will be the last month for Setanta Sports.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED. Stauffer moved, seconded by Gillette, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the 2/9/10, special noon, regular meeting

2. Minutes of the budget workshops 2/17/10 & 2/23/10
3. Approve the 3/10/10 and 2/23/09 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 108,163.80
Parks Fund	4,328.15
Parks Capital Improvement	-0-
Cemetery Fund	2,094.92
Building Fund	37,227.48
Township Improvement Fund	-0-
Police Fund	74,129.49
Police Drug	-0-
Police Capital Improvement	-0-
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	52,259.43
Sewer Improvement	-0-
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	163,067.74
Water Improvement	-0-
TOTAL	441,271.01

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS. None

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Drain Commission. Hollywood Drain will present the apportionment amounts soon.

City of Riverview vs. DEQ Lawsuit. Stauffer explained that the Board approved at noon, to remain a participant in 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.

Meijer Report. Stauffer reported that clean-up work should be completed by the end of the week.

Spring Trash Days. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Peterson, to approve resident trash passes for April 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 7:00 a.m. until Noon, with two passes per household.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Book Balances at 2/28/10 are as follows: \$689,879.83 in the general fund; \$246,773.77 in police; \$67,393.38 in parks; \$65,780.06 in cemetery; \$13,509.99 in building; \$104,592.13 in township improvement; \$8,022.25 in police capital; \$39,484.25 in parks capital; \$2,265,675.22 in sewer operating; \$1,995,288.73 in sewer replacement; \$276,010.31 in sewer improvement; \$2,350,000.02 in water operating; \$719,131.29 in water replacement; \$4,679,656.58 in water improvement; \$41,412.72 in trust & agency; \$206.00 in Glenlord sidewalk special assessment; \$263.77 in DeFay Rd. special assessment; and \$119,476.52 in street lighting. We also have funds in T & A delinquent taxes \$3,460.22; tax account \$2,896,633.40; fire station debt \$72,366.54; library bond \$134,078.40; flex spending \$4,976.03.

Budget Adjustments. Motion Carried. Loar-Porter moved, seconded by Stauffer, to approve the budget adjustments as presented. **Attachment B.**

Cemetery Clean-up Date. All decorations must be removed the week of March 17th-24th. Decorations can be replaced beginning April 1st.

TREASURER'S REPORT. YTD interest is \$139,477.61. Tax collection has been completed and the settlement is complete.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT.

Ordinance 10-Z01. Stauffer moved, seconded by Norbey, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 10-Z01 to amend articles 4 and 9 of the Zoning Ordinance of the compilation of ordinances of Lincoln Charter Township to add provisions to the PUD- Planned Unit Development district to regulate variations to the maximum building height and to regulate density calculations in mixed use developments.

Ordinance 10-Z01. Attachment C. Roll Call Vote: Ayes, Gillette, Loar-Porter, Norbey, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. Meeting was cancelled.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. Two single family residential permits were issued in February.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT. Distributed to board.

FIRE BOARD. Minutes were distributed.

Appoint Fire Chief. Motion Carried. Peterson moved, seconded by Stauffer, to appoint Ron Burkett for fire chief for one year.

MEDIC ONE. Mike Schultz, representative from Medic One, reported there were 71 calls in the Township for the month of February.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Distributed to the board by e-mail.

LIBRARY REPORT. Stauffer reported on the Michigan Humanities Council Program at the Library, for more information visit the library website.

PARKS REPORT. Smith reported installation of the water and sewer lines at the soccer complex will begin in mid-April. Announced to watch the spring newsletter for information concerning the summer tennis program.

WATER/SEWER.

Sewer Interceptor Project. Stauffer reported that the Authority received an AA bond rating for the Hickory Creek Interceptor Bond. The bond was awarded for \$8.83 million.

Public Comment. Resident questioned if the better bond rating would lower the interest on the bond payment. Stauffer stated the Township has not received the final bond packet containing the interest amount.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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