

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2010

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order on May 11, at 7:00 p.m. by Dick Stauffer, Supervisor, in the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was given.

CHANGES TO AGENDA. Stauffer moved Appointment/Reappointments to beginning of the meeting.

Appointments/Reappointments. Al Pscholka presented his resignation effective July 1st as a representative on the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment Authority and the South Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority. He thanked the board for the opportunity to represent the Township on both authorities. He announced that his resignation is because he is running for State Representative.

PRESENTATIONS. None

CORRESPONDENCE. Two Comcast letters advising channel line-up changes.

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

1. Minutes of the 4/13/10, special noon, regular meeting
2. Minutes of 3/9/10 Closed Session Meeting
3. Approve the 5/12/10 and 4/28/10 bills from the following funds.

General Fund	\$ 111,844.42
Parks Fund	14,741.03
Parks Capital Improvement	-0-
Cemetery Fund	1,756.11
Building Fund	10,745.68
Township Improvement Fund	40,568.79
Police Fund	91,544.61
Police Drug	-0-
Police Capital Improvement	-0-
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Operating	57,497.64
Sewer Improvement	-0-
Water Enterprise	
Water Operating	370.67
Water Improvement	-0-
TOTAL	329,088.95

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS. None

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Drain Commission. Stauffer reported that at the noon special meeting Drain Commissioner Roger Zilke presented the preliminary inspection report for the Parker Drain. The drain is located approximately one half mile south of West Rockey Weed Road on the East side of Washington Ave and runs northwest all the way to John Beers next to Ace Hardware. The tile portion of the drain is starting to collapse. The Drain Commission will host an information meeting for the property owners within the district.

The Berrien County Road Commission will be closing in the open drains on Cleveland Ave just south of Rockey Weed this summer. The Drain Commission will also be working to correct the issue of standing water on Cleveland Ave in front of Barbott's Farm.

MDOT. The MDOT Park and Ride on Red Arrow Hwy. will be closed until approximately June 1st; they are increasing the lot size.

.25 Road Millage. Stauffer presented his findings for the need of a road millage. Some of the findings included:

- All road improvements are currently funded though the Township General Fund
- State revenue and tax revenue are going to continue to decline
- The cost for cape sealing and slurry sealing have increased over 40% this year
- The Township has 50 miles of subdivision road and 25 miles of local roads to maintain

A resident stated concern for how the funds from General Fund that no longer be needed for road maintenance will be used. The board stated the millage would alleviate the pressures and short fall of funds the Township is currently experiencing in the General Fund.

A resident asked what the priority of roads would be. Gillette stated that the priority for roads is determined by the Berrien County Road Commission.

Approval of .25 Road Millage Request Ballot Language. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Gillette, to approve ballot proposal for road maintenance, repair and replacement for the August 3, 2010 primary election. *Resolution # 10-05. Attachment A.* Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Florian, Gillette, Loar-Porter, Peterson, Smith and Stauffer. Nays: Norbey.

Meijer Report. Construction is moving forward. The utility lines are being installed. St. Joseph Ave will be closed June 1-June 30.

CLERK'S REPORT.

March Book Balances at 3/31/10 are as follows: \$1,156,814.31 in the general fund; \$1,340,569.74 in police; \$57,167.20 in parks; \$65,195.15 in cemetery; \$99,017.20 in building; \$243,883.10 in township improvement; \$31,022.32 in police capital; \$99,394.62 in parks capital; \$2,133,653.40 in sewer operating; \$2,109,777.76 in sewer replacement; \$277,942.27 in sewer improvement; \$1,996,783.03 in water operating; \$824,926.18 in water replacement; \$4,820,758.08 in water improvement; \$67,777.44 in trust & agency; \$3.80 in Glenlord sidewalk special assessment; \$0 in DeFay Rd. special assessment; and \$64,780.02 in street lighting. We also have funds in T & A delinquent taxes \$8,906.36; tax account \$0; fire station debt \$199,487.41; library bond \$406,483.39; flex spending \$5,512.55.

April Book Balances at 4/30/10 are as follows: \$1,028,013.09 in the general fund; \$1,147,388.38 in police; \$48,240.34 in parks; \$64,444.70 in cemetery; \$86,801.22 in building; \$204,386.93 in township improvement; \$31,153.24 in police capital; \$99,550.64 in parks capital; \$2,376,180.38 in sewer operating; \$2,117,943.74 in sewer replacement; \$279,408.14 in sewer improvement; \$2,054,630.33 in water operating; \$828,733.32 in water replacement; \$4,842,710.51 in water improvement; \$29,067.18 in trust & agency; \$3.80 in Glenlord sidewalk special assessment; \$0 in DeFay Rd. special assessment; and \$65,192.06 in street lighting. We also have funds in T & A delinquent taxes \$2,346.69; tax account \$0; fire station debt \$195,046.56; library bond \$400,671.10; flex spending \$5,707.00.

The auditor has completed her field work and is completing the necessary reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Interest earned for fiscal year 4/1/09-3/31/10 was \$151,360.29. Interest rates varied from .2% to 1.75% throughout the year.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT. Florian reported the commission set two public hearings for June 7th at 7:05 p.m. The public hearings are: A rezoning for a PUD to revert back to residential and amendment to the sign ordinance.

At the May 10th meeting the Commission denied an application by Midwest Family Broadcasting for a request to change the current red light to a flashing strobe light on their communication tower. The lighting had been changed prior to the application being filed. The denial means the flashing strobe lights must be removed and the red light be replaced.

The preliminary plans for the Martin's store were viewed by the Commission, Florian commented that the plans look very nice and accessibility to the store will be much better

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT. Distributed to board.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT. Distributed to board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT. One single family residential permit was issued in April. There have been 4 single family residential permits issued year-to-date.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT. Distributed to board.

FIRE BOARD. Peterson thanked everyone for attending the Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast; the breakfast was a huge success.

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

LIBRARY REPORT. The summer reading program will begin soon, please visit the library website for details.

PARKS REPORT. Smith reported the Township accepted bids for the restroom/concession stand and utility installment projects. Bauer Construction will complete the restroom/concession stand and Hollerbach will complete the utility installment.

WATER/SEWER.

Water Rates. Stauffer stated the City of St. Joseph will be implementing a 7.2% water rate increase effective July 1st. Stauffer presented a plan to decrease the community surcharge rate to offset the

increase. The water funds can handle the decrease in revenue without affecting the minimum suggested fund balance.

Reduce community surcharge for water. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Florian, to approve reducing the community surcharge rate for water from .58 to .38 effective July 1st.

Public Comment. Marla Shureb addressed the Board; she has a popcorn cart that she would like to setup at 4066 Red Arrow Hwy. She gave the history on the cart and why she would like to setup her vending in this area. She has a lease agreement with the property owner to use the outdoor space. The current zoning ordinance does not permit food vending and it has been a policy of the Township not to allow food vending.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Stacy Loar-Porter, Clerk

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