

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL NOON MEETING
September 9, 2008

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008.

Notice was posted September 2, 2008.

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Lincoln Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dick Stauffer on September 9, 2008, at 11:37 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jewell, Smith, Stauffer, Florian, and Geisler.

Pscholka arrived at 11:40 noon.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peterson.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dienes and Engineer Dave Austin.

Fire Chief – Full Time. The fire board presented a job description, costs, salary comparisons and a letter recommending a full time fire chief. Florian questioned if we couldn't share the costs with other municipalities – but they didn't think it would work. Florian asked if there were municipalities like ours close by – Royalton is and we should preplan for certain companies or areas. Pscholka questioned what percent of the increased work is driven by administration and what percent is driven by doing a better preventive job. It was estimated to be 80% - 20%. Jewell feels we are asking too much of our part time chief. Stauffer's survey indicated populations above 15,000 started going to full time chiefs. Pscholka noted we have purchased two new trucks; a full time chief would be forever; we can't get 2% increases in revenue and increase spending by 4%; if we think the full time chief is a priority, what will we cut or will we ask for a millage; will full time firefighters come next. Dienes stated we may establish a special assessment district for public safety.

Board Committee. Motion Carried. Florian moved, seconded by Pscholka, a committee of board members be appointed to identify feasible funding alternatives for a possible full time fire chief and report to the board in 90 days.

Lakeside Beach Club. Daryl Veldman, engineer, reported on the changes Perry made to the PUD at the request of the Board – two options for entrance to the PUD, roads increased from 20' to 26', added roadways to buildings, condos changed to five stories – 63'6" (includes elevator shaft), the condos have the same footprint. Dienes noted with these material changes, if the procedure is not properly followed, it could be a problem to the developer.

Send to Planning Commission. Motion Carried. Stauffer moved, seconded by Pscholka, to send the material changes to Lakeside Beach Club made by the developer back to the Planning Commission for another public hearing as suggested by our attorney.

Audit. Jim Scarpone reviewed our statement of activities; reported our general fund balance is

adequate, but not excessive; water and sewer funds are in sound financial shape, however, our rate structure does not cover depreciation 100%; we need to continue to be diligent in managing the Township's assets.

Discussed drains, airport authority by-laws, planning commission actions, and police report.

Sewer Back-up. Motion Carried. Geisler moved, seconded by Pscholka, to approve expenses associated with the clean-up and replacement of items because of a sewer back-up at 4054 Glenorchard Dr.(Lindsey Hoffman) estimated at \$3,500 and \$13,3000.

Parks. Smith reported her new deputy has a recreation degree. After meeting with the organizations, baseball would like dugouts for fields #4 and #7; a well for watering and they would pay for installing a new proper sprinkler system; permission to expand the concession stand; soccer has asked us to schedule the fields; would like a signage board, and requests the current signs be replaced; investigating the use of port-a-johns in the same buildings for Lincoln Beach and Glenlord Park.

Water & Sewer Authority. Pscholka reported it is difficult for the authority to move into the future because of the Village's claim of ownership of the lines.

Public Comment. Resident expressed the following concerns: post agenda on web; special meeting notices on web; issue with closed sessions; representation on the Planning Commission; need six year capital plan; public comment at the Planning Commission meetings; consider a manager; develop procedure to handle public concerns or comments.

There being no further business, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Sharon Geisler, Clerk

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