



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 - 7:30 P.M.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL
3755 PLEASANT LAKE ROAD
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

The meeting opened with the flag pledge at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll call of the board. Present: Canham, Rentschler, Foley, Lindemann, Staebler, and Masters. Absent: Godek. Also present: Jesse O'Jack, Attorney, John Steeb Planning Commission Chair and 3 citizens.

Masters moved and Canham seconded to appoint Foley to chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Godek. Carried.

Foley took over as chair.

2. Consent Agenda - Moved Canham, seconded Masters to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- C-1:** August Regular meeting minutes.
- C-2:** Accept Investment Report
- C-3:** Payment of Bills August 3 through September 6, 2011
- C-4:** Amend Budget
Move \$1000 from 101265:930 (Township hall Maintenance) to 101257:957 (Tax

Tribunal)

- C-5:** Recognize Planning Commission Report
- C-6:** Recognize Zoning Report
- C-7:** Recognize Sheriff Report

Carried.

4. Attorney - No report.

5. Planning Commission Update - The Commission has finished the first run through the ordinance and they are ready to compile the ordinance. Saline Sustainability now has a power point ready and would like to hold a joint meeting with the planning commission and board for review. October 4 at 7 p.m. was established for that meeting prior to the next township board meeting. Doug Veenstra, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission requested direction from the board as to who should be looking at home occupations - home office, permitted uses and special use. Distinctions for each are very unclear. How should applications be reviewed: administratively or through the board or planning commission? Consensus of the board it should be in the ordinance how long a permit is in force, for the permitted and special uses. Question asked as to whether a special use stays with the land. Does the board need to review the permitted uses? Or can that be done administratively? Mr. Veenstra is trying to get a sense for the re-writing of the ordinance. A public hearing is not required for a permitted use. Perhaps could have a check list of criteria to be reviewed administrative approval within the office.

6. Public Comment – Offered at 7:49 p.m. - None.

7. Approve/Revise Agenda - Moved Masters, seconded Canham to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

8. Unfinished Business -

a. Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel Follow up- We have no report from OHM. We will bring this item back to the board next month.

b. Blight Ordinance - The blight ordinance was reviewed. Discussion on vacant houses and barns whether they needed to be boarded up or torn down or possibility of the fire department burning it down. Moved Canham, seconded Masters to adopt Resolution 2011-007 to adopt the Blight Ordinance number 2011-002. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Rentschler, Canham, Lindemann, Staebler, Masters, and Foley. No: None. Absent/Abstain: Godek (absent). Resolution declared adopted.

c. Weed Ordinance - The weed ordinance was reviewed. Question asked concerning farm fields that are no longer being farmed. The blight ordinance will cover that question. The weed ordinance is limited to platted subdivisions and parcels abutting improved streets to 165 feet of depth due to the state statute. Moved Lindemann, seconded Canham to adopt Resolution 2011-008 to adopt the Weed Ordinance number 2011-003. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Rentschler, Canham, Foley, Masters, Lindemann, and Staebler. No: None. Absent/Abstain: Godek (absent). Resolution declared adopted.

d. Cedar Ridge Equestrian Center - No information was available due to the Supervisor's absence. We will bring it back on the October agenda.

e. Hinderer - Hearing is set for trial on Monday in 14-A District Court in Saline. Mr. O'Jack stated that he felt the Justice Department will be watching what happens on Monday.

9. New Business

a. WATS - Does Lodi Township need to be part of the plan? How much would it cost Lodi Township to be part of the plan? How many Lodi Township's residents would take advantage of the service? If they decide to implement a county wide tax, would Lodi Township want to have a voice on the board?

b. MTA on the Road - Masters moved, seconded Foley to approve attendance to the MTA on the Road on October 17 for any board members interested. Early bird rate goes until September 26. All interested in attending need to notify the clerk by the 26th. Carried.

c. Insurance Information - Information handed out on the current policy that became effective on September 1st. New items on the policy were discussed.

d. Retirement Plan Information - Establishment of individual retirement accounts. Information will be shared in October.

e. Charter Township Resolution - Moved Masters, seconded Foley to adopt Resolution 2011-009 opposing Lodi Township becoming a Charter Township. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Rentschler, Canham, Staebler, Lindemann, Masters, and Foley. No: None. Absent/Abstain: Godek (absent). Resolution declared adopted.

f. Christmas Tree Collection, Yard waste for July and August - Discussion held on holding a Christmas Tree collection in January 2012 and adding yard waste for July and August in 2012. Need to get costs for the tree collection and costs for yard waste for July and August and bring back to the board for October meeting.

g. Clean up Day policies - Discussion held on the cost of clean up day and possibly limiting the amount of tires and the amount of electronics that an individual can bring. Suggest change tire amounts to 6 per address. It will be difficult to keep track per address. Also was suggested that we charge for the number of tires, electronic pieces brought in. Concerns also raised that if we don't take the tires where will the tires end up. Suggested the Fifth Corner in Saline would possibly

take the electronics. We need to find out where the places are that take electronics, post it on our website and include it in our newsletter. Suggestions made from the board and audience that we should not take tires and electronics as there are places for them to be recycled. Costs for electronics in June were over \$5,000. Tires were over \$1,500. Information needs to be brought back to the board in October.

- 10. Public Comment offered at 8:43 p.m.** - Columbarium project is about done. They are getting ready to plant grass seed. Bushes are planted. There are some shrubs that need to be cleaned out in back.
- 11. Adjournment** - Moved Canham, seconded Rentschler to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Next meeting will be October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township