

LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 7, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL

The regular meeting opened with the flag pledge.

Roll Call of the Board: Lindemann, Crowner, Radecki, Rentschler, Foley, Godek, and Masters. Also present: Attorney O'Jack, John Steeb planning commission chair and 6 citizens.

A presentation was made to Leon Feldkamp for over 35 years of service to Lodi Township as a member of the Planning Commission having been appointed January 7, 1958.

A brief presentation was given by Melissa Milton-Pung a preservation planner with Washtenaw County on the driving tours of historical houses, barns and places in Washtenaw County. She shared beautiful copies of the historical tour brochures with the board members.

Larry Osterling from Saline Area Chamber of Commerce shared information about the chamber and the activities of the chamber.

Margaret O'Connor shared information about the open house planned for the Old Township Hall that was built in 1867 and is in desperate need of repair to preserve the building. The historical committee will hold an open house on Sunday August 12, 2007 from 2-4 p.m. for the public to review the needed work. They are collecting items for a garage sale fund raiser to raise funds to help preserve the building as it is one of the few historical buildings in the township. It is the third oldest township hall in the state. Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to approve the fund raiser and begin the preservation of the old township hall. Also to establish up to \$15,000 to begin repair of the cracked wall and window repair until such money is available to totally preserve the building. Roll Call vote: Aye: Godek, Rentschler, Masters, Crowner, Lindemann, Radecki, and Foley. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried. A township resident will match what funds are raised at the garage sale for preservation of the old township hall. We thank that resident very much!

Margaret Canham spoke about the Lodi Cemetery and ongoing clean up, fence repair, decorations including sitting benches, ongoing stone repair, and pending north and east fence replacement. Moved Crowner, seconded Lindemann to authorize \$1590.00 to re-point the stone joints on the mausoleum and repair the mausoleum door. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Rentschler, Radecki, Masters, Lindemann, Crowner, Foley, and Godek. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried. A suggestion was made that the cemetery should have an annual budget established.

Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2007 meeting. Carried.

Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2007 special meeting. Carried. Radecki abstained.

Moved Godek, seconded Masters to approve the July 12, 2007 closed session minutes. Carried. Radecki abstained.

Reports were received from the Treasurer, Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and zoning inspector.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None at 8:56 p.m.

REVISE AGENDA – Moved Masters, seconded Godek to add MTA Fall District meeting to the agenda. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel re-inspection** – There are still items that have not been corrected since the first inspection and still need to be addressed. Moved Masters, seconded Crowner that the Supervisor should notify Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel that if the items have not been corrected by the time of the fall inspection, they will be shut down immediately until the corrections have been made and verified. Carried.
2. **Thompson McCully Re-inspection Fees** – Township position is that re-inspection fees are not part of their annual fees per the consent judgment. Therefore they are responsible to pay any re-inspection fees for items that have not been corrected after the re-inspection of the initial inspection.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Planning Commission Recording Secretary** – The new planning and zoning act is requiring more information to be included in the planning commission minutes. The planning commission is requesting that the township board authorize hiring a recording secretary to assist with the meeting minutes. Moved Crowner, seconded Radecki to hire a recording secretary for the planning commission at a cost of \$75 per meeting. Duties will include attendance at all the meetings, preparation of the minutes. Minutes need to be review by someone on the planning commission prior to filing them with the clerk for publication. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Radecki, Foley, Godek, Rentschler, Masters, Crowner, and Lindemann. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried. Planning Commission also needs to prepare a budget to be included within the township budget.
2. Samples of **Michigan Civil Infraction Ordinances** were given to the board. The board needs to review and finalize ordinances needed. No action was taken. Mr. O’Jack will give us recommendations next month on the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance Violations Bureau. Other regulatory ordinances also need to be looked at, such as, cemetery ordinance, Junk or Dismantled Car Ordinance, Blight Elimination Ordinance and Noxious Weeds Ordinances. Copies of the MTA sample ordinances were given to the board for review.
3. Moved Foley, seconded Masters to approve attendance for any and all board members that wish to attend the **fall MTA District meeting** on September 27th. Carried
4. **Hamman** – Board of Appeals denied the appeal of an administrative decision of the zoning inspector and Supervisor for building a house on a parcel that was registered with the register of deeds (1984) but never split through equalization until 2005. Now they have applied for an appeal of the private road ordinance. It would simpler for the township to withdraw the original decision of the Board of Appeals. The appeal period does not start until the minutes are approved. If the decision is not withdrawn the Hammans will need to file separate lawsuits on each appeal if they want to go to court. Moved Godek, seconded Foley to allow Mr. O’Jack to contact the Hamman’s

attorney to withdraw the Board of Appeals decision letter, allowing them to file only one lawsuit, if they intend to file a suit. Carried.

5. **Biltmore** – City of Saline has asked Barr, Anhut and Associates, Inc. to review the Biltmore dealings with the City of Saline. Mr. O’Jack is asking whether the Lodi Township Board would have objections to their firm acting as legal council for the City of Saline in this specific instance. Moved Masters, seconded Godek that Lodi Township has no objection for Barr, Anhut and Associates, Inc. to act as legal council for the City of Saline dealing with Biltmore. Carried.
6. **Payment of Bills** – Moved Foley, seconded Radecki to pay the bills presented. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Began at 9:40 p.m.

DEQ – Frederick Farms application for a waste water treatment plant was withdrawn on July 19, 2007. Godek is trying to get the information from the state giving us the potential decision of the DEQ.

Bridges – Discussion on the Bethel Church Road Bridge and also the Zeeb Road bridge. Both need to be two lane bridges.

No other business, the meeting **adjourned** at 9:45 p.m.

Next regular board meeting will be September 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. (One week later due to the Saline Fair)

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township