

LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DRAFT - Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Lodi Township Hall
3755 Pleasant Lake Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

1. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of March 4, 2025 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Blackburn, Foley, Godek, Marsh, Matelski, Rentschler, Smith

Absent: None

3. Budget Public Hearing 2025-2026

Smith moved to open the budget public hearing at 6:00 pm. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Smith noted that 101101:806.1 Trustee Education was left out of the proposed budget, and it needs to be added back in with a budgeted amount of \$500.00.

Comments were received regarding the budgeted amount for line 101101:805 - Legal Services from Dixon.

Smith moved to close the budget public hearing at 6:04 pm. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

4. Consent Agenda

- C-1: Approve – February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
- C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval – 2/5/2025-3/4/2025
- C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report
- C-5: Amend Budget

Budget Amendments 3/4/2025 2024-2025 Budget

Category

Description

DEBIT

CREDIT

DISBURSEMENTS

101262:900	Election Public Notices		\$	662.06
101101:930.1	Copy Machine Maint.		\$	120.00
101101:715	FICA - employer		\$	2,000.00
101101:726	General Supplies		\$	3,500.00

101101:807	Site Plan Inspections	\$	2,000.00
101101:980.1	Software & Support	\$	4,717.94
	TOTAL	\$	13,000.00
101262:702	Elections Salary & Wages	\$	(13,000.00)
	DIFFERENCE	\$	-
101101:980.1	Software & Support	\$	4,364.06
101265:922.1	Internet Access	\$	350.00
101265:930.1	Lawn Maintenance	\$	1,725.00
101440:445.3	River Raisin Watershed	\$	484.00
701222	Manufactured Home - County Share	\$	246.50
701225	Manufactured Home - School Share	\$	700.00
101400:445	Drain Tax	\$	2,100.21
	TOTAL	\$	9,969.77
101262:726	Election General Supplies	\$	(9,535.77)
101265:930	Twp. Main/Repairs	\$	(434.00)
	DIFFERENCE	\$	-
101400:445	Drain Tax	\$	10,918.00
101101:995	Capital Improvement	\$	(10,918.00)
	DIFFERENCE	\$	-
1011010:805	Legal Services	\$	3,500.00
101101:910	Insurance/Bonds	\$	1,238.00
101276:930	Cemetery Main.	\$	1,291.00
	TOTAL	\$	6,029.00
101400:704	P/Z Salaries/Wages	\$	(2,500.00)
101410:704	ZBA Salaries/Wages	\$	(1,500.00)
201622:801	Contract Services	\$	(2,029.00)
	TOTAL	\$	(6,029.00)
	DIFFERENCE	\$	-
101101:963	Misc. Expenses	\$	200.00
101265:930	Main/Repairs	\$	(200.00)
101400:449	Public Roads	\$	161,659.49

- C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – no meeting
C-7: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – no meeting
C-8: Recognize Sheriff Report – January 2025
C-9: Recognize Zoning Report - none
C-10: Recognize MCI (Municipal Civil Infraction) Report – none

Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Blackburn. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

5. Attorney Report: None

6. Planning Commission Update: There was no Planning Commission meeting in February.

7. Short Public Comment

Public comment began at 6:05 pm. No comments were received from the public. Public comment ended at 6:05 pm.

8. Revision / Approval of Agenda

Godek noted that New Business #7 Recycle Ann Arbor Contract can be removed because it is not ready.

Foley moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Smith. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business:

1. SAFD (Saline Area Fire Department) Presentation

Saline Area Fire Department Chief Jason Sperle made a presentation regarding the proposed budget for 2025-2026 as well as future plans for SAFD and how those would affect the budget. Numerous questions were asked and answered regarding the presentation by both the public and Board members.

2. SAFD Budget 2025-2026

Godek moved to postpone the vote on the SAFD Budget for 2025-2026 until the PowerPoint Chief Sperle used for the presentation is provided to the Board. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=nay. Motion carried, 6-1.

After further discussion and more information from Chief Sperle, Foley moved to un-table the discussion on the SAFD Budget for 2025-2026 based on new information and proceed to vote on the SAFD Budget for 2025-2026. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Foley moved to approve the SAFD Budget for 2025-2026 as presented. Second by Blackburn. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

3. Lodi Township Budget 2025-2026

Discussion was held on how to deal with the deficit resulting from the SAFD Budget that was approved as well as a discussion regarding the Trustee Education budget. Foley noted that the deficit could be covered by the Fund Balance, but this would not be a long-term solution.

In response to the comment received during the Budget Public Hearing, Smith noted that any legal fees associated with specific developments are taken out of that development's escrow account. The only items that would be taken out of line 10110:805 - Legal Services would be legal fees as a result of the Township legal business.

Godek requested line 101101:806 ~~806~~ **860.1** Trustee Education having a budget of \$1,200 with \$100 of that coming from line 101171:860 – Travel/Education and \$500 of that coming from line 101101:726 – General Supplies. This results in a deficit of \$88,115.21.

Foley moved to approve the Lodi Township Budget for 2025-2026 with the following changes:

- 101101:-806 ~~806~~ **860.11** Trustee Education budgeted amount of \$1,200.00
- 101171:-806 ~~806~~ – Travel/Education budgeted amount of \$0
- 101101:726 – General Supplies budgeted amount of \$29,500.00

And the deficit of \$88,115.21 being covered by the Fund Balance. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

4. Reappointments

Blackburn moved to table New Business #4 Reappointments until a procedure for appointments is adopted by the Board. No second was made. Motion failed.

a. Cindy Strader – Planning Commission Chair term expiring 2028

Smith moved to approve reappointment of Cindy Strader to the Planning Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2028 based on Strader's request to be reappointed. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

b. Dave Stevenson – Planning Commission member term expiring 2028

Foley moved to approve reappointment of Dave Stevenson to the Planning Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2028. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

c. Jane Chronis – Board of Appeals term expiring 2028

Smith moved to approve reappointment of Jane Chronis to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring March 31, 2028. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

d. Jacob Schaible – Board of Appeals term expiring 2028

Foley moved to approve reappointment of Jacob Schaible to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring March 31, 2028. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

5. Accept resignation from Planning Commission member Ann Warner

Smith moved to accept Ann Warner's resignation from the Planning Commission effective March 1, 2025. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

6. Appoint Janet Rogers to fill Planning Commission vacancy term expiring 2026

Smith moved to approve appointing Janet Rogers to fill the Planning Commission vacancy created by Ann Warner's resignation with a term expiring March 31, 2026. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. MTA (Michigan Township Association) Conference

Blackburn is the only Trustee who expressed interested in attending the MTA conference. Marsh moved to send Blackburn to the MTA conference. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

8. Parking lot repairs – Cadillac Asphalt

Foley moved to approve the quote for parking lot repairs from Dan Feys and Cadillac Asphalt for a total of \$8,450. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

11. Closed Session: None

12. Public Comment

Public comment began at 7:57 pm. Public comments were received from 5 people. Public comment ended at 8:04 pm.

13. FYI - None

14. Next Meeting will be on April 8, 2025 starting at 6:30 pm.


15. Adjournment

Smith moved to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Second by Matelski. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Smith,
Lodi Township Clerk



Michelle Joppeck,
Recording Secretary

