



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:30 pm

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

1. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of October 1, 2024 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Foley, Godek, Rentschler, Rogers, Schaible, Smith, Swenson

Absent: None

3. Consent Agenda

- C-1: Approve – September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
- C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval – 9/4/2024 – 10/2/2024
- C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report
- C-5: Amend Budget – none
- C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – no meeting in September
- C-7: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – September 26, 2024
- C-8: Recognize Sheriff Report - August 2024
- C-9: Recognize Zoning Report
- C-10: Recognize MCI Report

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

4. Attorney Report: None

5. Planning Commission Update: None

6. Short Public Comment

Public comment began at 6:31 pm. No comments were received. Public comment ended at 6:31 pm.

7. Revision / Approval of Agenda

The Brookview Highlands Lighting District, approval of a ZBA recording secretary, and a couple additional bills were requested to be added to the agenda.

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

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

1. November meeting date change to November 6th at 6:30 due to the Election

Smith moved to change the Board of Trustees meeting date for November from November 5 to November 6 at 6:30 pm due to Election Day falling on November 5. Second by Schaible. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried.

2. Roping for Cemetery holiday decorations 900'

Douglas Fir – 75' \$124/coil

Mixed Cedar/Douglas – 75' \$143/coil

White Pine 75' \$62/coil

Foley moved to approve the purchase of 12 coils of white pine roping for the Cemetery holiday decorations at a total cost of \$744. Second by Rogers. A roll call vote was taken. Swenson=aye, Rogers=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Schaible=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried.

3. 2730 W Ellsworth – Prayer Center Lawsuit

Fred Lucas, the attorney provided by the Township's insurance company, explained that a settlement has been worked out between both parties surrounding this lawsuit. Lucas explained that the settlement states that, subject to the plaintiff obtaining approval from the Washtenaw County Health Department for a non-residential sanitation system and approval from the Washtenaw County Road Commission for a driveway to access the site off of Ann Arbor-Saline Road, they would be allowed zoning compliance to establish their religious institutional Prayer Center at 2730 W Ellsworth Road.

A few comments and questions were received by members of the public.

Further discussion was put on hold until after a Closed Session to be held after the remaining New Business items were discussed.

4. Brookview Highlands Lighting District

Foley explained that DTE bills Lodi Township for the street lights in Brookview Highlands. Lodi Township then bills the Lodi Township residents in Brookview Highlands based on the actual and estimated cost for the fiscal year. This year, it comes out to \$66.61 per parcel and \$133.23 for double lots.

Smith moved to approve the Brookview Highlands Lighting District as presented. Second by Schaible. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Schaible=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Rogers=aye, Swenson=aye. Motion carried.

5. Bills

Smith received the following bills:

- CIB Planning \$977.75
- American Aqua \$183.70
- DTE \$107.13 (electric)
- DTE - Brookview Highlands \$465.21
- DTE - \$38.08 (gas)
- TDF II Hauling \$1620.50

Foley moved to approve the payment of the listed bills. Second by Godek. A roll call vote was taken. Swenson=aye, Rogers=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Schaible=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried.

6. Recording Secretary for ZBA

Due to the complexity of the meeting minutes required for Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, a recording secretary for following meetings was requested.

Swenson moved to approve the use of a recording secretary for Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. Second by Rogers. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried.

3. 2730 W Ellsworth – Prayer Center Lawsuit (continued)

Smith moved to go into Closed Session to consider pending litigation in which there is a potential financial element involved at 6:40 pm. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Swenson=aye, Rogers=aye, Godek=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Schaible=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried.

Smith moved to close the Closed Session and return to an Open Meeting at 6:54 pm. Second by Schaible. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Schaible=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Rogers=aye, Swenson=aye. Motion carried.

Godek moved to approve the signing of the consent judgement as presented. Second by Rogers.

Following the motion, Lucas read the consent judgement in full.

More feedback and questions were received from the public. Lucas responded to that feedback and questions and stated that in his opinion and the opinion of Township Attorney Jesse O'Jack, who assisted in the drafting of the consent judgement, they believe that this is a good settlement for the Township and one that the Township should adopt.

A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Schaible=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Rogers=aye, Swenson=aye. Motion carried.

10. Closed Session: See above

11. FYI: None

12. Next Meeting will be on November 6, 2024 starting at 6:30 pm.

13. Adjournment

Schaible moved to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Smith,
Lodi Township Clerk



Michelle Joppeck,
Recording Secretary