



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting

June 18th, 2025,
8:30 AM

3755 PLEASANT LAKE ROAD
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48103

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. The flag pledge was recited.

There was no Public Comment.

Roll Call: Matelski, Rentschler, Foley, Smith, Godek, Marsh, Blackburn.

Motion Smith seconded Marsh to approve the agenda as presented.

New Business:

Ethics Policy Draft Discussion:

Motion Marsh, seconded Blackburn to work on Ethics as a Policy vs an Ordinance. Roll Call Vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

Motion Godek, seconded Smith to use the presented Ethics Policy starting with "Purpose" as a working draft. Roll Call Vote: YEA: Matelski, Rentschler, Foley, Smith, Godek, Marsh. NO: Blackburn. Motion Carried 6-1.

The Township Board worked on the Ethic Policy as presented section by section. The changes that have be made include: Section 3.2 bullet point #3 "the ethics policy ~~must be~~ may be...".

Section 3.3 replaced with:

- Suspected ethical violations should be reported to any board member then received by the Clerk.
- Anyone can file a written, signed and sworn statement with any Township Board Member who will then submit to the Clerk, the Clerk will then acknowledge receipt to the filer.
- Reports are filed with the Clerk then turned over to the Supervisor for investigation.
- The Supervisor will provide the Board with any findings and give a response to the complainant regarding the findings.
- Complainants can contact the Township Supervisor for updates if not updated within 90 days

Section 4.2 remove bullet point #3, section 4.3 removing all proposed points, and replacing with "do not accept gifts or perks over \$50.00 as a Township Official". Section 4.9 bullet point #2 add ...Those may include age, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other protected status. And change bullet point

#4 to: "Everyone should...". Section # 5 remove the last bullet point. Motion Foley, seconded Smith to remove last bullet point. Carried 6-1, the no vote was Blackburn.

Section 3.4 was discussed last. Motion Godek, seconded Smith to remove section 3.4 Enforcement from this policy.

Motion Blackburn, seconded Matelski to remove section 3.4 and replace with wording provided by Blackburn that reads "The Township Board may impose sanctions on Township Officials whose conduct does not comply with the Township's ethical standards. Sanctions may include reprimand, formal censure, loss of committee assignment, restrictions on budget or travel, and removal from office by the governor in the manner and for the causes provided by law or as provided by Michigan law." Roll Call Vote: YEA: Blackburn, Matelski. NAY: Godek, Marsh, Rentschler, Foley, Smith. Motion failed.

Roll Call on original Motion to remove Section 3.4. YEA; Rentschler, Matelski, Godek, Smith, Foley. NAY: Blackburn, Marsh. Motion Carried 5-2.

A draft will be provided to Township Board Members, and the Ethics Policy will be on a future agenda.

Social Media Policy Discussion

Motion Smith, seconded Marsh to table the Social Media Policy to a future meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

No items were finalized during the discussion.

Motion Smith, seconded Foley to adjourn at 10:14am. Motion Carried 7-0.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Trustee Meeting – July 1, 2025 @ 6:30pm



Christina Smith, Clerk Lodi Township