

LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 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 June 3, 2025 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

3. Consent Agenda

C-1: Approve – May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)

C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval – 5/7/2025 – 6/3/2025

C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report

C-5: Amend Budget – none

C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – May 6, 2025 with Board of Trustees & May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

C-7: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – none

C-8: Recognize Sheriff Report – May 2025

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

4. Attorney Report: None

5. Planning Commission Update

Marsh reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting held on May 27, 2025.

6. Short Public Comment

Public comment began at 6:34 pm. Public comments were received from 1 person. Public comment ended at 6:35 pm.

7. Revision / Approval of Agenda

Godek requested to add a discussion on recycling at the end of New Business.

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

4. Macke Fireworks display approval – 7.4.2025

Smith moved to approve the 2025 application for fireworks other than consumer submitted by Michele Macke for July 4, 2025. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

5. Employment Policies – Application, Handbook & Driving Record Policy per Insurance Underwriter

Smith reviewed the reasoning for the proposed Employment Policies (including Application, Handbook, At-Will Statement, and Driving Record Review Policy), Concealed Pistol Policy, Social Media Policy, Hall Use Form, and Amendment to the Police Services Contract as well as the sources used to create the proposed policies.

Blackburn moved to table discussion surrounding the proposed Employment Policies (Application, Handbook, At-Will Statement and Driving Record Policy), the Social Media Policy, and the Hall Use Form until the Special Meeting to be held later in June. No second was made. Motion failed.

Further discussion was held regarding the proposed Employment Policies.

Godek moved to adopt the following Employment Policies as presented: Application, Handbook, At-Will Statement, and Driving Record Review Policy with one correction: the second paragraph in the At-Will Employment Status should read: “Lodi Township reserves the right to modify, change, or rescind any employment policy, procedure, benefit, or condition of employment at any time, for any reason or no reason.” Second by Rentschler.

Blackburn moved to amend the motion to make the following changes to the Handbook:

- Remove the Lodi Township mission statement on page 1
- Remove the reference to the Disability Accommodation Policy on page 11
- Write out the acronyms for EEOC, NLRB and SEC instead of using acronyms on page 19

As well as the following change to the Driving Record Policy:

- Change the Purpose to “To ensure that employees of Lodi Township maintain a current and unrestricted Michigan driver license in accordance with this policy while operating a municipal and/or any personal vehicle on behalf of Lodi Township.”

Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=nay, Smith=nay, Godek=nay, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=nay. Motion failed, 3-4.

Foley moved to amend the original motion to approve the Driving Record Review Policy only with the following change:

- Change the Purpose to “To ensure that employees of Lodi Township maintain a current and unrestricted Michigan driver license in accordance with this policy while operating a municipal and/or any personal vehicle on behalf of Lodi Township.”

Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye. Motion Carried, 7-0.

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion. Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye, Blackburn=nay, Marsh=aye, Godek=aye. Motion carried, 6-1.

6. Concealed Pistol Policy per Insurance Underwriter

Blackburn moved to approve the Concealed Pistol Policy as presented. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=nay, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 6-1.

7. Social Media Policy per Insurance Underwriter

After a discussion surrounding IV. Procedure, I. Privacy of Others and P. Identification on Social Media of the proposed policy, Foley moved to table the presented Social Media Policy. Second by Blackburn. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Godek=nay, Smith=nay, Foley=aye, Rentschler=nay, Matelski=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 4-3.

8. Hall Use Form – holding Township harmless when used by approved groups per Insurance Underwriter

Smith moved to not allow the Township Hall to be used by outside groups. Second by Rentschler.

A discussion was held regarding the motion and the frequency of use of the Township Hall by outside groups.

A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=nay, Rentschler=nay, Foley=nay, Smith=aye, Godek=nay, Marsh=nay, Blackburn=nay. Motion failed, 1-6.

Godek moved to approve the Hall Use Form as presented with the following changes:

- Add an Acceptable Uses heading at the top
- Remove #3 under Unacceptable Uses: Religious Activities
- Remove the duplicate Board of Trustees under #1 of Rules and Regulations Concerning Use of the Lodi Township Hall

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.

9. Amendment of Police Services Contract per Insurance Underwriter

Smith moved to approve Godek signing the modified Police Services Contract as presented if approved by the Washtenaw County Sheriff. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

10. Short Term Rental Discussion per Township Attorney

Township Attorney Jesse O'Jack asked for more guidance from the Board regarding what the Board is looking for in the Short Term Rental regulatory ordinance. O'Jack wanted to know what direction the Board wanted to go. O'Jack noted that if the Township wants to ban Short Term Rentals, that would be a Zoning Ordinance amendment.

A discussion was held regarding this issue and questions were asked of O'Jack regarding what would and would not be possible.

Godek moved to approve Township Attorney O'Jack to draft a Zoning Ordinance amendment banning Short Term Rentals to send to the Planning Commission for review. Second by Matelski. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nays=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

11. Recycling

Recycle Ann Arbor's contract is coming up for renewal on July 1, 2025. Godek has done some research into other options for the Township to offer recycling services to the Township residents due to potential disbanding of Recycle Ann Arbor by the City of Ann Arbor. Godek found that Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) is willing to bring a bin to the Township Hall for residents to drop off their recycling products. WWRA would then pick it up the bin every week or as needed when the bins were full for a \$300 per pick up. A pad would need to be installed for the bins that WWRA would bring. Smith has requested quotes for installing that pad. If WWRA picks up the bin every week, the cost would be comparable to continuing to use Recycle Ann Arbor minus the cost of installing the pad, but would likely be more convenient for residents.

Foley moved to move forward with Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority for at least 3 months and approve spending up to \$5,500 for installation for the pad for the bins brought by Western Washtenaw Recycling. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

10. Closed Session: None

11. Public Comment

Public comment began at 8:52 pm. Public comments were received from 4 people. Public comment ended at 8:58 pm.

12. FYI:

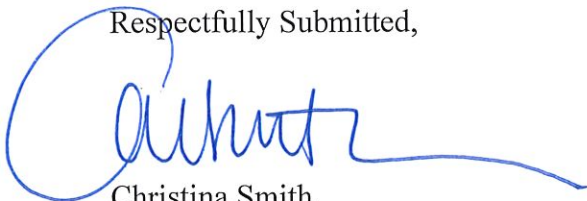
1. 100-day report WCSD
2. Susan Miller letter

13. Next meeting will be on July 1, 2025 starting at 6:30 pm.

14. Adjournment

Smith moved to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Second by Marsh. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Smith,
Lodi Township Clerk



Michelle Joppeck,
Recording Secretary