



## LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 1, 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 July 1, 2025 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

#### 3. Consent Agenda

- C-1: Approve – June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
- C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval – 6/4/2025-7/1/2025
- C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report
- C-5: Amend Budget – none
- C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – June 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C-7: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – none
- C-8: Recognize Sheriff Report – May 2025

Blackburn moved to remove C1 and C8 from the consent agenda and approve C2-C7 in the consent agenda as presented. Second by Matelski. A voice vote was taken. Aye=6, Nay=1. Motion carried, 6-1.

#### 4. Attorney Report: None

#### 5. Planning Commission Update

Marsh reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting held on June 24, 2025.

#### 6. Short Public Comment

Public comment began at 6:33 pm. No public comments were received. Public comment ended at 6:33 pm.

#### 7. Revision / Approval of Agenda

It was requested to add Ann Arbor Baptist Church under Unfinished Business and add Approval of 6/18/2025 Special Meeting Minutes, direct the Planning Commission to update fence ordinance #55.18A2 to include geo-tech fabric or fabric materials, OHM bill in the amount of \$7,974.75, Jesse O'Jack – attorney bill in the amount of \$4,012.50, CIB Planning bill in the amount of \$4,617.50, WSRC first billing in the amount of \$285,282.50 – payment from Road Fund, C1 - Approve – June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, and C8 - Recognize Sheriff Report – May 2025 to New Business.

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

## **8. Unfinished Business:**

### **1. Ethics Policy**

Blackburn moved to approve the presented draft Ethics Policy with the following additions/changes:

#### 3.2 Implementation

- This policy is self-enforcing and relies on everyone understanding and embracing it.
- Township officials, appointees, employees and volunteers shall sign a statement that they have received, read and understand the Lodi Township Ethics Policy.
- The ethics policy may be reviewed annually by all boards, commissions, and staff.
- Updates to the policy will be considered and implemented as needed.

3.4 Enforcement: 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, or other actions as provided by Michigan law.

#### 4.9 Respect, Fairness and Inclusion

- Treat all people with respect, fairness, and impartiality.
- Discrimination or harassment in any form will not be tolerated. This policy forbids any unwelcome conduct that is based on an individual's age, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other protected status.
- Everyone should be treated equally under similar circumstances.

Second by Marsh.

After a discussion, Blackburn moved to withdraw the motion on the table. Marsh seconded the withdrawal.

Blackburn moved to approve the proposed draft Ethics Policy with the following additions/changes:

- Change Section 3.2 Implementation bullet number 2 to "Written acknowledgement of receipt of Lodi Township Ethics Policy is required for all officials, employees, and volunteers."
- Rename the heading for Section 3.3 from "Reporting Violations" to "Reporting Suspected Violations"
- Add Section 3.4 Actions Taken in Response to a Violation: Upon a finding that a violation has occurred, the Board after discussion will take such action as it believes necessary to ensure that the goals of the Lodi Township Ethics Policy are better achieved.
- Change Section 4.9 Respect, Fairness, and Inclusion bullet number 2 to "Discrimination or harassment in any form will not be tolerated including discrimination or harassment based on color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other protected status."

Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=nay, Foley=aye, Smith=nay. Motion carried, 5-2.

## **2. Copperleaf Crossing Noise Ordinance Violation update**

Castleberry & Lucas Attorneys at Law was contacted to review the Copperleaf Crossing Noise Ordinance complaints. Victor Lillich reviewed the complaints and responded stating that more information would be needed in order to justify issuing citations. Lillich's response will be passed onto the individuals who filed the complaint.

## **3. Ann Arbor Baptist Church**

The Planning Commission had recommended approval subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant provide a landscaping plan for the stormwater detention facility to be reviewed and approved administratively;
2. The applicant provide additional clarification on tree removal, mechanical equipment screening, lighting changes, and driveway setback on the North property line for the fire truck access road;
3. Review and approval is obtained from all applicable consultants, departments, and agencies.

Clarification on the driveway setback on the North property line for the fire truck access road was provided by the June Board of Trustees meeting. The Township Board moved to table the approval of the plan until receipt and review of the outstanding landscaping plan, tree removal information, mechanical equipment screen information, and information about lighting changes was received at the June Board meeting. Godek reviewed the submitted landscaping plan along with the Planner's report and approved the landscaping plan for the stormwater detention facility administratively.

Smith moved to approve the Ann Arbor Baptist Church Site Plan as presented based on the Planning Commission's recommendation, the administrative approval of the storm water detention facility, and Township Planner Hannah Smith's report dated 6/29/2025 which is adopted as part of the findings of fact. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

## **9. New Business:**

### **1. Approval of 6/18/2025 Special Meeting Minutes**

Smith moved to approve the 6/18/2025 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Godek. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

### **2. Direct the Planning Commission to update fence ordinance #55.18A2 to include geo-tech fabric or fabric materials**

Smith moved to direct the Planning Commission to update the fence ordinance #55.18A2 to include geo-tech fabric or fabric materials. Second by Marsh. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

**3. OHM bill in the amount of \$7,974.75**

Smith moved to approve payment of the OHM bill in the amount of \$7,974.75. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

**4. Jesse O'Jack – attorney bill in the amount of \$4,012.50**

Smith moved to approve payment of the Jesse O'Jack – attorney bill in the amount of \$4,012.50. Second by Godek. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

**5. WSRC first billing in the amount of \$285,282.50 – payment from Road Fund**

Smith moved to approve payment of the WSRC first billing in the amount of \$285,282.50 from the Road Fund. Second by Godek. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

**6. CIB Planning bill in the amount of \$4,617.50**

Smith moved to approve payment of the CIB Planning bill in the amount of \$4,617.50. Second by Godek. A roll call vote was taken. Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

**7. C1 - Approve – June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Blackburn had comments on 9. New Business 5. Employment Policies and 9. New Business 8. Hall Use Form.

After a discussion, Blackburn moved to add “since there is currently no such policy” to the end of the second bullet point under 9. New Business 5. Employment Policies that states “Remove the reference to the Disability Accommodation Policy on page 11” to the 6/3/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Godek=nay, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=nay, Foley=nay, Smith=nay. Motion failed, 3-4.

Smith moved to approve the 6/3/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

**8. C8 - Recognize Sheriff Report – May 2025**

A discussion was held regarding the change in monthly report format as well as the change in billing since the new sheriff has taken office.

Blackburn moved to approve recognition of the Sheriff Report for May 2025 as presented. Second by Marsh. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

**10. Closed Session: None**

**11. Public Comment**

Public comment began at 7:18 pm. No comments were received from the public. Public comment ended at 7:18 pm.

**12. FYI: None**

13. Next meeting will be on August 5, 2025 starting at 6:30 pm.

14. Adjournment

Smith moved to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all,  
Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Smith,  
Lodi Township Clerk



Michelle Joppeck,  
Recording Secretary