

LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 7, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL

The regular meeting opened with the flag pledge at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of the board: Present: Radecki, Foley, Godek and Masters. Absent: Lindemann, Crouner, and Rentschler.

Enter Lindemann 7:06 p.m.

GRAVEL PIT ANNUAL REPORTS

WATERLAND - DRAKE PIT

They are due for a new flyover in 2007. Fencing in need of repair. Revisit item 3b, item #8 (financial guarantees) need to be checked, insurance needs to be reviewed, steep embankments need to be revisited.

Enter Rentschler 7:10 p.m.

Steve Lemon with Waterland discussed the fence issues. Fencing issues need to be corrected so they can be revisited by the end of May so a report is available for the June board of trustees meeting. Mr. Lemons showed an aerial photo of the pit, explaining different areas of the photo. A steep slope is allowed in an active working area. Signage needs to be in place, and is at the Waterland site.

ANN ARBOR SAND AND GRAVEL

Mr. Joe Gentner represented Mike Leoni. Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel has a new topographic map of the gravel pit. It needs to be supplied to the township. They will supply to the township a copy of the tonnage taken out of the pit in the past year. There has been some topsoil placed but the slope is not finished. The board feels the topsoil does not need to be placed if they have not finished working the slope, but there must be good vegetation growing on the slope. (7a) Erosion on an adjacent property is being corrected.

Enter Crouner 7:25.

The Board and Mr. Gentner discussed the abandoned wells. The township has never received documentation from the county that the wells were correctly capped when abandoned. Michel Bickel will contact the county in regard to the wells and hopefully they can tell us what needs to be done. Correction on signage and fencing is promised by mid-May for re-inspection. They have done a good job responding to calls from the township when the dirt on the roads needs to be addressed.

MICHIGAN PAVING AND MATERIALS

Gensley Pit

A fly over with contours needs to be done this year. A fly over is more cost effective rather than doing a manual survey. There are fence issues. About half of them are repeated from the 2004 report. A couple areas of steep slope areas are dangerous, especially behind Emerson School.

Copies of current liability insurance, soil erosion permit and information on the depth of the water in the pit are needed. Mr. Brian Doud will be in attendance at the March meeting. Mr. Bickel will also attend.

The regular meeting followed. The following citizens were also in attendance: Jack Steeb, Planning Commission Chair and Ed Kovach, WCSD, plus 7 citizens.

Moved Foley, second Crowner to approve the January 3, 2006 minutes. Carried.

The following reports were received: Treasurer, Sheriff, Planning Commission, Zoning Report and Fireboard.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

AGENDA

Moved Masters, second Lindemann to amend that agenda as follows: add correction of Road Commission meeting date, Ann Arbor Baptist Church pond, investment policy update and a cemetery educational workshop. Carried.

UNFINISH BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

ANN ARBOR ACADEMY

Ann Arbor Academy applied for a special use permit for a school at First Unitarian Universalist Church. All permits have been received by the township. The county may still require them to have a flow meter installed to monitor the amount of water used. Moved Foley, second Rentschler to approve a 2 year renewable special use permit to Ann Arbor Academy leasing the education rooms at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor Saline Road, for a school with up to 49 students. Carried.

ASSESSOR'S CONTRACT

Moved Masters, second Lindemann to table until the March meeting the assessor's contract for 2006-2007. Carried.

POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

Moved Masters, second Foley to approve resolution 2006-03 Lodi Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2006. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Crowner, Rentschler, Lindemann, Godek, Radecki, Masters, and Foley. Nay: None. Absent or Abstain: None. Resolution declared adopted.

2006-2007 BUDGET

Discussion held on the proposed budget for 2006-2007. \$1,300 was added to the equipment line item for purchase of new QVF (Qualified Voter File) equipment that will be coming sometime in the Spring. \$1,000 to the treasurer's salary, and discussion was held on the clerk's salary in regard to the extra elections because of the law changes. MTA will be questioned about the best way to address that question. Repair on the old township hall was also discussed. Many ideas were brought up including raising funds through a fund raiser and other ideas. The budget public hearing will be March 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

LAND DIVISION PROPOSAL

Discussion held on the land division proposal submitted by Donald Pennington. The rates are much higher than the township currently charges. It was the feeling of the board that we need to look into other options.

ROAD MEETING

The 2006 meeting with the Road Commission will be May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular board of trustees meeting.

CEMETERY

A question was asked about burial of cremains on a site that already has a vault buried. Township policy in the past has been to allow up to 3 cremains on a burial site where a casket has not been buried. On a site where a casket is buried, 2 cremains may be buried. Only one monument is allowed, however, a flat marker may also be placed. Saline Township newly adopted ordinance was given to the board for review. The township may wish to adopt an ordinance to put all the information together in one place.

CEMETERY WORKSHOP

Moved Foley second Lindemann to approve attendance by the clerk and possibly the sexton at a cemetery workshop in Lansing on March 10, 2006. Carried.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Moved Masters, second Rentschler to approve a change in the Lodi Township Investment Policy by adding Mercantile Bank to the listing of financial institutions as depositories for township funds. Carried.

ANN ARBOR BAPTIST CHURCH

With Rentschler seconding, Godek moved to waive the pond requirement for Ann Arbor Baptist Church, referring back to the 1999 Ann Arbor Baptist Church approved site plan. Any changes are to be made to the use of the property, size of the property, expansion, etc. of the property, this item will need to be revisited. Carried.

Closed session minutes for December 6, 2005 were passed out for member's approval.

PDR

The Supervisor commented on a PDR meeting that was held at Lodi Township Hall on February 6, 2006. The feeling is that the township needs to adopt a PDR ordinance in order for any property owner in Lodi Township that may wish to put their land into the program will have the ability to do so.

ADJOURN

Moved Radecki, second Foley to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. with a reminder that the Budget Hearing will start at 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2006. The May meeting will also start at 7:00 p.m. with the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township