

**LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 - 7:30 P.M.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL**

The regular meeting opened with the flag pledge.

Roll Call of the Board: Crouner, Foley, Godek, Lindemann, Radecki, Rentschler, and Masters. Also present: Attorney O'Jack, John Steeb planning commission chair and 4 citizens.

Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting with one correction. Carried.

Reports were received from the Treasurer, Sheriff, Planning Commission, zoning inspector, and the Historical Committee. The committee presented the township with the original watercolors of the Old Township Hall that were done by Scott Schwemmin, an area artist. The garage sale netted \$3165.00. Mr. Lutz donated \$5,000 from his charitable foundation. Several others have donated money

PUBLIC COMMENT – None at 7:43 p.m.

REVISE AGENDA – Moved Foley, seconded Radecki to add John Russell, and additional funds for repair of the old township hall to the agenda. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Gravel Pit follow-up inspection reports** were reviewed for Stoneco and Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel. We will see whether all items have been addressed when the current year inspection is done.

NEW BUSINESS

1. John Russell spoke about the Ann Arbor Greenbelt and a **Land Preservation Ordinance**. He desires to form a committee to look at preserving land and other options for open space, natural features and or farm land in Lodi Township. Mr. Russell stated that farmland in Northeast Lodi could cooperate with the Ann Arbor Greenbelt and other groups may be more willing to cooperate if we had an ordinance. Moved Radecki, seconded Foley to allow Mr. Russell to form a committee with someone from the board or the planning commission as a member. Carried.
2. **Old Township Hall** - Moved Masters, seconded Foley to add \$125 more for temporary stabilization of the exterior of the old township hall. Carried. A formal proposal for temporary stabilization of the exterior facade of the old township hall was received from Grunwell-Cashero Co. with a total cost of \$15,125.00. The board previously approved \$15,000.
3. **Cemetery Fence** - The surrounding property owners need to be notified that the township will be replacing the fence and cleaning the property line. We will need to have someone review the trees on the fence line to see what should be saved or removed. Clerk was instructed to get estimates for the north fence only and clearing area for putting up the fence only.

4. **A request for fire run relief** - Lindsay Donoho requested relief from a fire run bill for an accident that she was involved in. Godek moved and Radecki seconded to not grant relief from her fire run invoice. Carried. Relief has never been granted before, and the board will not set a precedent.
5. **Amend Budget** - Moved Masters, seconded Foley to move \$10,000 from the fund balance and add to the engineering fees (101440:447). Carried.
6. **Payment of Bills** – Moved Foley, seconded Crowner to pay the bills presented. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None at 8:43 p.m.

Closed Session - Moved Masters, seconded Godek to go into closed session at 8:43 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Radecki, Lindemann, Godek, Masters, Foley, Crowner, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None.

Moved Godek, seconded Crowner to return to **open session** at 8:58 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Rentschler, Crowner, Masters, Foley, Lindemann, Radecki, and Godek. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried.

Attorney O'Jack requested the board's direction on the **Ronnie Story Appeal** as to whether he should allow the judge to make his decision solely on the appeal. Godek moved and Crowner seconded to direct the judge to make his decision solely on the appeal. Carried. This does not become precedent setting as all land divisions are now mapped prior to approval.

No other business, the meeting **adjourned** at 9:05 p.m.

Next regular board meeting will be October 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township