

**LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2003
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL**

The regular meeting of the Lodi Township Board of Trustees opened with the flag pledge recited in Unison.

Roll call of the Board. Present: Lindemann, Solowczuk, Godek, Masters, Foley, Crowner, and Rentschler. Also present were attorney Jesse O'Jack, Planning Chair, Jack Steeb as well as 9 citizens.

Moved Solowczuk, second Foley to **approve the minutes** of the September 9, 2003 meeting with correction. Carried. The **treasurer's report** was received.

The **sheriff's report** was received. Reports also received from the **Planning Commission**, and the **zoning** inspector. Solowczuk gave a brief fire report.

Public comment - Received on the sheriff contract and net acreage of a parcel.

The **Agenda was approved** as revised; adding 1) Ted Massey , 2) Deputy Treasurer Letter, 3) Cemetery Benches, 4) Policy for removing history from credit reports, 5) State of the Huron River meeting, 6) Zoning Issues, 7) Environmental Assessment, and 8) Warning Sirens. Motion made by Foley, seconded Masters. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on the **sheriff contract**. Moved Masters, second Solowczuk to approve the sheriff contract for 3 police service units at a cost of \$83,854 per deputy for the first year and \$88,885 per deputy for the second year plus training costs of approximately \$26,000. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Masters, Solowczuk, Lindemann, Godek, Crowner and Rentschler. Nay: None. Carried.

Moved Solowczuk, second Foley to transfer files for legal matters that **Neil Lehto**, attorney, has been handling for Lodi Township (communications act, Comcast franchise agreement, etc.) from the firm he previously worked with to Mr. Lehto's new office. Roll call vote: Yea: Lindemann, Solowczuk, Masters, Rentschler, Crowner, Godek and Foley. Nay: None. Carried.

Moved Solowczuk, second Rentschler to sign the **Cable Franchise Agreement** with Comcast. This will be a 15 year agreement from effective date. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ted Massey approached the township board requesting relief from the 5 acres net for a parcel in order for property to have horses. His current parcel is exactly 5 acres. Township ordinances state 5 acres net are required in order to have large animals. Mr.O'Jack will check into the matter and Godek will get back to Mr. Massey by Friday.

Moved Lindemann, second Solowczuk to award the bid to remove 2 dead pine trees from the Lodi Cemetery to Crosscutt Tree Service of Howell, Michigan at a cost of \$900.00. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Foley, Rentschler, Lindemann, Solowczuk, Masters, Crowner, and Godek. Nay: None. Carried.

With Lindemann seconding, Solowczuk moved to authorize Michael Brown to straighten 5 or 6 **cemetery stones** that need straightening at a cost of \$500. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Rentschler, Lindemann, Foley, Solowczuk, Masters, Crowner, and Godek. Nay: None. Carried.

Directive to Planning Commission

1. Firm up reasons for not allowing community septic fields.
2. Look at Supplemental regarding setback and yard requirements, and what is allowed in those setbacks. Example recreational equipment versus trailers, basketball courts or tennis courts, etc.
3. Sections that say "see definitions" or add "net" to lot areas as needed.
4. Lot coverage versus number of accessory buildings.

No motion was received.

Moved Masters, second Solowczuk to approve the amendment to the **Saline Area Fire Department Agreement - Loan Procedures and Authorization**. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Masters, Crouner, Godek, Rentschler, Lindemann, Foley and Solowczuk. Carried.

Moved Godek, second Foley to appoint William Lindemann as an **alternate to the Saline Area Fire Board** from Lodi Township. Carried.

The Township was approached about donation of **cemetery sitting benches**. The board felt that it might be an acceptable idea, but the board would want to have approval on the type and where the benches would be placed.

Discussion held on the request from a person that received assistance from the Saline Area Fire Department in 1999. The bill was turned over to the **collection bureau**. After 4 years the bill is finally paid. He is now requesting to have the bill be removed from his credit history. After discussion of the board, no relief was granted.

Severe weather **warning siren** installation was discussed. No action taken. It was suggested that the suggestion be given to the owner of the manufactured home community.

Triangle bills were discussed. Supervisor will resend a letter concerning the bills.

Discussion held on a letter received from the deputy treasurer **requesting more working hours**. The letter did not say how many hours were being requested. The board needs to have answers as to how much time there would be for needed work in the area of recycling, web site work, etc. Godek feels she is looking at working the hours the township office is open. We need to evaluate the amount of hours different items will require.

Moved Solowczuk, second Lindemann to move **\$1400 from the Cemetery Fund** and put it into the cemetery maintenance fund (101276:930) for the removal of the pine trees and straightening the head stones. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Solowczuk, Foley, Lindemann, Godek, Rentschler, Masters, and Crouner. Nay: None. Carried.

Moved Masters, second Solowczuk to pay the bills. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

Next regular meeting will be November 4, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

No other business brought before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township