

**LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MARCH 2, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR MEET - 7:30 P.M.**  
**LODI TOWNSHIP HALL**

The budget hearing for 2004/2005 opened with the flag pledge.

Roll call of the Board:

Present: Godek, Masters, Foley, Solowczuk, Crowner, and Rentschler. Absent: Lindemann  
Also present, 1 citizen.

Questions were answered concerning the proposed expected township millage for fiscal year 2003/2004 and whether we would be close to the projected revenue compared to the projected disbursements. Concern was expressed over the amount of money budgeted for road projects. The board will look at that item following the road meeting on March 11. The board may need to take money from the fund balance to do road projects.

Moved Crowner, second Solowczuk to close the public hearing on the Lodi Township budget for 2004/2005 at 7:15 p.m. Carried.

The regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Solowczuk, Godek, Masters, Foley, Crowner and Rentschler. Absent Lindemann. Also present were attorney O'Jack, Planning Commission Chair John Steeb and 14 citizens.

**Minutes** of the February 3, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed with the correction of a name spelling, on motion by Solowczuk, second by Crowner, and carried.

**Reports** were received from the Treasurer, Zoning Inspector, and Planning Commission.

There was no Public comment.

Masters moved and Solowczuk seconded to **approve** the revised **agenda**. Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion held on a draft of a **PDR ordinance** that was given to the board for review. Question asked whether the township could purchase development rights on a parcel. The answer is yes according to the way the presented ordinance is written. Comments were received from the audience and the board. Comments included taking the township out of the mix for supplying funds for purchase of development rights. The problem would be proposing to spend township taxpayer money for a few individuals. Several board members expressed no desire to assess a millage to the township residents in order to purchase development rights. We need to check on the requirements by the state for PDR ordinances.

Discussion held on the **false alarm** at 2925 Robal Court. Deputy Kovach did not respond to the second alarm, he was canceled. The first alarm was definitely a false alarm. The clerk will respond to the owner removing the charge for the second alarm.

Mr. **Tim Walberg**, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives introduced himself to the board and citizens in attendance.

Moved Crowner, second Godek to re-pass the changes adopted at the February 2004 Lodi Township Board of Trustees meeting in the **extraction ordinance** section G.1. Roll call vote: Yea: Crowner, Masters, Godek and Foley. Nay: Rentschler, and Solowczuk. Absent Lindemann. Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fireworks permit** requested by Robert Sabaitis at 6288 Alber Road. Moved Masters seconded Solowczuk to grant the requested permit for July 3, 2004 with receipt of a copy of the insurance liability policy and approval of the Saline Area Fire Department. Carried.

The Intergovernmental Agreement For Storm Water Permit Public Education and Public Involvement Services Pursuant to "**Phase II**" of Storm Water Permits at a cost of \$1,100 was approved as moved by Foley and seconded by Rentschler. Carried.

Moved Masters, second Foley to approved the proposed **2004/2005 Saline Area Fire Department Budget** for \$805,742. Lodi Township share will be 32.3 percent. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Crowner, Masters, Godek, Rentschler, Solowczuk, and Foley. Nay: None. Absent: Lindemann. Carried.

With Solowczuk seconding, Masters moved to **adopt** the **2004/2005 Lodi Township budget** for \$938,770.00, levying .5000 mill for fire. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Solowczuk, Rentschler, Masters, Crowner, Godek, and Foley. Nay: None. Absent: Lindemann. Budget adopted.

Moved Foley, second Solowczuk to approve the **2004/2005 Lodi Township Board of Trustees meetings** dates as follows: April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 10, September 14, October 5, November 9, December 7, 2004 and January 7, February 1, and March 1, 2005. Meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. Carried.

Moved Masters, second Solowczuk to **reappoint** John Steeb and Arthur Katz to the **Planning Commission** for three-year terms. Carried.

Moved Masters second Crowner to appoint Jesse O'Jack as the Lodi **Township attorney** for Fiscal Year 2004/2005. Carried.

With Foley seconding, Solowczuk moved to approve the **assessor's contract** for 2004/2005 for \$35,400. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Crowner, Rentschler, Masters, Godek, Solowczuk, and Foley. Nay: None. Absent: Lindemann. Carried.

Moved Masters, second Godek to approve attendance by board and planning commission members to the **Citizen Planner** series or individual classes put on by the MSU Extension service. Carried.

Letter presented in support of the **Brownfield Redevelopment** money. Moved Foley, second Godek to sign the letter in support of Brownfield Redevelopment funds. Carried.

Moved Masters, second Solowczuk to make the following changes to the **investment policy**. Change Bank of Lenawee to Bank of Washtenaw, add Citizens Bank and change Great Lakes Bank to T.C.F. Bank. Carried.

**Wexford** addressed the board requesting clarification for review of the PUD plan. Septic and well need to be on the dwelling unit lot. The Advantex system has not been approved by the County in a sub-

division, therefore Lodi Township Planning Commission does not feel they can make a decision showing a system that is not in existence at this time. Wexford would like the board to look at the merits of the PUD plan. Attorney recommended that the Advantex system be removed from the plans. Only system that can currently be approved is 4,000 Square foot drainfield. There are three reports in the file on the PUD plan, 2 on the current PUD application. Request any deficiencies from the planner and engineer on the current PUD plan. Last PUD plan was dated 6/29/03. Submitted 9/29/03 reviewed and resubmitted in November. Wexford will supply current sets of plans to everyone by noon on 3/3/04. Comments are to be received from the planner and engineer by 3/16/04 and they are to address each detail of the current PUD plan. Wexford will deliver plans to Ron Goldie; Godek will deliver plans to Don Pennington.

Two **zoning issues** were brought to the attention of the board. 7510 Dell Road and 4896 Diuble Road have zoning violation issues. Godek will contact the known former attorney for 7510 Dell Road to find out whether he is still the attorney for the owner. Moved Crowner to take action on both issues, second Godek. Carried.

Discussion on the **escrow accounts** currently being held. The following escrow accounts will be closed as their plans have been finalized and all billings completed: Emerson School, St. Nicholas, Brassow Woods, Diuble Meadows, Hidden Creek, and Pheasant Hollow.

Moved Solowczuk, second Foley to **amend the budget** as follows:

Category	Description	increase	decrease
101265:921	Gas	\$ 275.00	
101336:703.2	False Fire Alarms	\$ 200.00	
999999	Uncategorized Expenses		\$ 475.00
Totals		\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00

Carried.

Moved Masters, second Foley to **pay the bills** presented. Carried.

#### Public Comment

Discussion held on **purchase of land** adjoining the current township hall. Consensus of the board is that we will need some more land for future use.

**PDR** ordinance needs to be done for Lodi Township.

Moved Masters second Solowczuk to go into **closed session** at 10:21 p.m., for the purpose of discussing an attorney opinion letter to the board. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Masters, Godek, Crowner, Foley, Rentschler and Solowczuk. Nay: None. Absent: Lindemann.

Moved Foley, second Solowczuk to return to **open session** at 11:00 p.m. Carried.

No other business brought before the board, the meeting **adjourned** at 11:01 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be April 6, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters  
Clerk, Lodi Township