

LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 6, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL

The regular meeting opened with the flag pledge.

Roll Call of the Board: Crowner, Foley, Lindemann, Rentschler, Radecki, Godek, and Masters. Also present ~~Attorney Jesse O'Jack~~, Planning Chair John Steeb and seven citizens.

Gravel Pit Reports

Waterland Trucking – Several items were found needing attention, including some fencing issues, and importing of material (will be supplied). Most items have been addressed. The slopes discussed are currently being used for mining. Mr. Lemons will supply requested information (photos of corrected fencing and signs having been replaced) within the week. Godek commended Waterland for their continued effort to keep Zeeb Road clean.

Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel - Some fence issues remain from last year. They received a copy of the current report, but have not responded to it. Godek will send a letter to Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel stating that they have seven (7) days to inform the township as to when issues will be corrected. Ask them if they would like to attend the March meeting to address the issues. The township has the right to issue a notice of violation right now. If they receive two or more violations in the same period, the township has a right to issue a fine.

Moved Lindemann, seconded Radecki to approve the minutes of the January 2, 10, 16, and 30, 2007 meetings. Carried.

Reports were received from the Treasurer, Sheriff, and Planning Commission. The board also received a short presentation from the newly self appointed historical committee [of Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Canham, and Margaret Brusher](#). Dr Ted Ligibel, Director Historic Preservations Program from Eastern Michigan University discussed the review of the old township hall that is currently being conducted by EMU students.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None at 8:14 p.m.

REVISE AGENDA – Moved Foley, seconded Masters to add the Amma Center to the agenda. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Huron River Watershed Contract** has been received with changes that were discussed. A copy was not supplied to the board. Moved Masters, seconded Radecki to authorize the Supervisor to sign the new contract with the approval of Mr. O'Jack. Carried.
2. An application for a private wastewater system for a proposed development on the Erwin Frederick farm has been received from MDEQ. The board has been advised that a market study needs to be done by the township. The application is for 660 units. A proposal was received from Allen and Associates for \$11,000 to perform the **market feasibility study** needed. Moved

Radecki, seconded Crowner to authorize the supervisor to sign the proposal from Allen and Associates. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Godek, Foley, Masters, Lindemann, Radecki, and Crowner. Nay: Rentschler. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried.

3. Discussion on **retention of meeting tapes** was held. Clerk will return with a policy in March. Suggestions were to destroy the tapes after the minutes were approved, to retain the tapes for one year, to retain the tapes for 3 months. Records retention states once the minutes are approved, the tapes may be destroyed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The **computer network** in the township is no longer being supported by the BS&A software firm. In order to get the network up and running prior to board of review, we need to update the network. An estimated cost of updating the network has been received from Parhelson Technologies at a cost of approximately \$8,000. Moved Lindemann, seconded Masters to authorize up to \$8,000 to update and repair the network. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Crowner, Radecki, Lindemann, Rentschler, Masters, Foley, and Godek. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried.
2. **Poverty Guidelines** - Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to approve the poverty guidelines presented. Resolution 2007-001 was adopted by Roll Call Vote: Aye: Radecki, Lindemann, Godek, Masters, Foley, Crowner, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Resolution adopted.
3. **Private Wastewater System Committee** – This committee was formed to help address the Frederick Farms application for a private wastewater system. Included on the committee are Godek, Masters, John Steeb and Doug Veenstra from the board and planning commission plus the consultants that comprise the group. Moved Masters, seconded Crowner to pay Steeb and Veenstra \$50 per meeting for this particular committee to be paid quarterly. Godek will keep attendance at the meetings. Carried.
4. **3333 W Ellsworth Road** – Owner of the property has been notified several times that the junk on the property needs to be cleaned up. Godek requested authority from the board to file a complaint with the court to get the site cleaned up. Moved Masters, second Godek to authorize the attorney to file a complaint against the owner for storage of junk on his property. Carried.
5. **Amma Center of Michigan** - The Township needs to check the information on their website. A concern is that they are preparing and serving meals from an unapproved kitchen. The ordinances have changed since they first applied for the special use permit and the drain commissioner must approve the plans. No review has happened. Also need approval from the building department and the fire department. Moved Radecki, seconded Godek to deny the special use permit for the Amma Center of Michigan for the following reasons: 1) there is no way to police stipulations, i.e. food preparation; 2) they have been operating illegally for years; 3) we are rewarding his behavior (operating illegally); and 4) hurting people who have gone through the correct channels. He should follow the rules. Vote: 1 in favor and 5 against the motion with 1 abstaining. Moved Foley, seconded Masters to return the Amma Center special use permit request back to the planning commission to look into the following matters: the kitchen in the small barn and food preparation, either remove the kitchen or get it certified as a commercial kitchen, requiring all

permits needed in writing including but not limited to building department and fire department, road commission (for removal of driveway), drain commissioner office needs to review plans, soil erosion, and also request the return of the tax exemption form for anticipated tax exemption of the property. Vote on the motion: 6-1. Motion Carried.

6. Amend the Budget – Moved Foley, seconded Masters to amend the budget as follows:

Income Side			
increase	101664	Interest	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Expense side			
increase	101101:980	Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
increase	101400:801	Planning Consultant	\$17,100.00
increase	101440:447	Engineering Services	\$ 1,900.00
decrease	101440:860	Phase II Education	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
			<u>\$20,000.00</u>

Carried.

7. Payment of Bills – Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to pay the bills presented. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT was received on Peters Summitt and the coyotes that are frequenting the area.

No other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Next regular board meeting will be March 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township