

**LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**June 3, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**LODI TOWNSHIP HALL**

The regular meeting opened with the flag pledge at 7:30 p.m.

**Roll Call** of the Board: Crowner, Radecki, Foley, Lindemann, Godek, Masters, and Rentschler. Also present: Attorney O'Jack, and five citizens.

Moved Foley, seconded Radecki to approve the Consent Agenda removing the Planning Commission and Sheriff reports.

Consent agenda included

1. May Board Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Zoning Report
4. Payment of Bills

Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – offered at 7:32 p.m. and closed at 7:34 p.m.

**REVISE AGENDA** – Moved Masters, seconded Crowner to approve the agenda with the following additions: Lodi Food Mart, Land Purchase, Overtime/Sheriff Department, Amendment to Ordinance 2008-001, Resolution adopting the amendment and Copper Leaf Farm. Carried.

Sgt. Archer reported on the Sheriff activities for April with the board. Robert Crowner gave a verbal Planning Commission report. First Unitarian Universalist Church proposed wind turbine must go through FAA approval and remains on the table. The Planning Commission continues to work on the revision for the Lodi Township General Development.

No one was present from Keystone Community Church to discuss their desire to annex into the City of Saline.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Cemetery Ordinance** - Discussion was held on the cemetery ordinance revisions included the number of cremains allowed on a burial space. More suggestions were given for incorporation. Mr. O'Jack will check on cemetery records retention for incorporation into the ordinance.
2. **Road Projects for 2008** - After some discussion the following projects were decided upon: 1) two full applications of chloride for dust control at a cost of \$80,801.00, 2) Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor-Saline Road to Maple Road (6" of 23a limestone dust control including ditching at a cost of \$20,400.00, and 3) Seal Coating of Hedgerow, Garden Court, Fox Run, Wagon Wheel, Fox Den Court, Meadow Lane and Surrey (West side only) at a cost of \$43,700. Moved Masters, seconded Foley to approve the projects stated above. Roll call vote: Aye: Masters, Foley, Crowner, Rentschler, Radecki, Lindemann, and Godek. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Waterland Trucking** - They would like to put up a maintenance building on the parcel that was just rezoned to NR. After the mining is completed the building would then go to the Drake Family for their farming operation. Mr. O'Jack will verify that it will fall within the zoning ordinance.
2. **Possible Police Millage for November ballot** - Supervisor requesting board opinion on putting a millage request on the November ballot. Treasurer will provide figures for the July meeting for either approving or disapproving a question on the November ballot.
3. **Mr. Lindow on Meadow Lane** - He is not caring for his property. Adjacent property owners are concerned about their property values because of the weeds and tall grasses. Mr. O'Jack will check to see if the Township can have the parcel mowed and add the cost to the tax bill. Must check with the county to see if they would be willing to collect the lien if the taxes and lien are not paid. A Blight Ordinance would allow us to do more.
4. **Peacocks** - A resident on Meadow Lane has 5 peacocks and 2 pheasants on his one acre R-1 zoned property. There is a storage shed three feet from the property line as well as a junk car in back up on cement. The owner doesn't want to get rid of the peacocks as they are family pets. All the information that the supervisor has found about peacocks, calls them game birds. He also has an aviary 18 X 8 X 12 feet high. Supervisor will start issuing tickets for compliance with the ordinance. He was given 10 days when Godek issued a letter to him and has not complied.
5. **Lodi Food Mart** - There is a new owner of the facility. The Township does not have any information on the owner change. No property transfer has been filed. The liquor license has expired. Optima Oil is still listed as the licensee. Mr. Cuter was going to get back to the township with a plan per the May 2, 2008 meeting with Mr. Steeb, Mr. O'Jack and Ms Godek. Violations tickets will be issued as violation of Township Ordinances.
6. **Land Purchase** - A fifty acre parcel on the corner of Zeeb and Pleasant Lake Road is currently on the market for sale. Discussion followed. It would be for future use of the township for police, fire, and possible new township hall. It would be purchased for future use. The township would need to have the soils reviewed to see if it would be at all useable for township facilities. The health department would need to look at the amount of waste water that may be generated daily for a commercial field. Could offer \$400,000.
7. **2008-001 Ordinance** - Amendment to add wording under C. Personnel. All personnel of the Bureau shall be Township employees and/or officials. . New ordinance will be number 2008-003. Moved Masters, seconded Foley. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Rentschler, Masters, Lindemann, Foley, Crowner, Godek, and Radecki. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried.
8. **Resolution 2008-006** - A resolution to designate the bureau clerk for Lodi Township Municipal Civil Infraction Bureau. Moved Foley, seconded Crowner to designate the Township Clerk as the Bureau Clerk with the duties prescribed by the Lodi Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Godek, Foley, Rentschler, Radecki, Crowner, Lindemann and Masters. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried
9. **Sheriff Overtime** - Will have three days that there won't be anyone on duty during certain hours because of vacations. There will be 2 county wide cars for 2 of those days and one on the third day. Board decided to leave as is for now.
10. **Copper Leaf Farm** - Concern was raised about the changes in use at Copper Leaf Farm as they are no longer boarding horses. Concern was raised because different stories have been circulating about what he plans to do there.
11. **Frank Parkinson** - Mr. Parkinson lives in Lodi Township and is running for County Commissioner in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District on the Democratic ballot. He introduced himself and expressed

his concerns for different areas in the county that the Board of Commissioners will need to address.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none at 9:30 p.m.

No other business, the meeting **adjourned** at 9:30 p.m..

**Next regular board meeting** will July 1, 2008 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters  
Clerk, Lodi Township