

LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 7, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting opened with the flag pledge at 7:00 p.m.

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

The early start was due to the interviewing of a new applicant for the Lodi Township Assessor position.

The regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. All board members present as well as five (5) citizens.

Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Consent agenda included

1. July Board Minutes
2. Investment Report (Treasurer's Report)
3. Zoning Compliance Report
4. Planning Commission Minutes
5. Municipal Civil Infractions Report
6. Payment of Bills

Motion Carried.

VERBAL REPORTS - There was no sheriff report available. Lindemann reported on the Fire Board meeting held on August 6, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT – offered at 7:34 p.m. None.

REVISED AGENDA - Moved Foley, seconded Masters to add Land Purchase to Unfinished Business and add Jim and Linda Rushton and August Yard waste collection to New Business. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Waterland Trucking - Waterland Trucking wishes to build a building to repair their equipment on the parcel that is in process of being rezoned. The rezoning has been approved by the township; however the Saline Reporter lost the request for publication, so it was not published within the required time frame. The question is where would this use fall within the ordinances and what zoning would be needed for that use. After much discussion, a meeting was set up with Mr. Lemons, Don Pennington, Robert Crowner and Jan Godek for Friday August 8, 2008 at 3 p.m. to discuss the matter and see what needed to be done. Mr. O'Jack will do an opinion on the matter in time for the Friday meeting. Moved Foley, seconded Masters to table the re-do of the zoning change for Waterland until the questions are answered about the building and what the land should be zoned.

2. Property Purchase - The second offer of \$435,000 has been turned down. The realtor suggested that the township wait and come back with a final offer later in the fall. We are asking that the seller pay the taxes and fees. Perhaps if we offered to pay them, the seller would accept an offer lower than what they are asking.

3. **Cemetery Ordinance** - Suggestions were received from the attorney. They will be incorporated into the ordinance and brought back to the board in September.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Blight Ordinance** - A draft of a blight ordinance was presented to the board. Suggestions for changes in the ordinance were requested. A draft will be brought back to the board next month.
2. **District MTA Meeting** - Moved Foley, seconded Masters to approve the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to attend the Fall District MTA meeting at a cost of \$79 per person. Carried.
3. **Audit** - The 2007-2008 audit report was distributed to the board. Moved Rentschler, seconded Lindemann to approve the audit received. Carried.
4. **Sell Printer** - We have a printer in the office that we no longer use because we now have the color copier that we are able to print photos on for the notices etc. Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to sell the printer to Masters for \$50.00. Carried (Masters abstained)
5. **Resolution 2008-009, A Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 12 to Allow "No Reason" Absentee Voting** - Moved Masters, seconded Foley to approve the resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Rentschler, Crouner, Lindemann, Masters, Godek, Radecki, and Foley. Nay: None. Carried.
6. **Postage Machine** - Pitney Bowes is raising the price of the monthly rental for the postage machine. It was suggested to look at other vendors to see if the meter may be cheaper elsewhere.
7. **Assessor** - Jim and Linda Rushton have informed the Township that they will present a contract to us for assessing along with Jim's son. They are willing to be involved for about four years.
8. **August Yard Waste Pick-up** - Moved Lindemann to add August to the Yard Waste schedule. Seconded by Godek. Motion failed 4-3.
9. **Other Discussion** - Story appeal for Diuble Road parcel has gone back to the circuit court. Mr. O'Jack has received the paperwork and will copy it to the township. The clerk brought up some questions about the Special Use Permits for Scribbles and Giggles and Arbor Knoll that need to be addressed.
10. **Adjournment** - No other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21p.m. Next meeting September 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township