

**LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 6, 2009 – 7:32 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL**

The regular meeting opened with the flag pledge.

Roll Call of the Board: Canham, Staebler, Rentschler, Lindemann, Foley, Godek, and Masters. Also present Attorney O’Jack, John Steeb Planning Commission chair and 7 citizens.

Moved Masters, seconded Foley to approve the consent agenda with the addition of a bill from Donald Pennington.

Consent agenda included

1. December Board Minutes
2. Investment Report
3. Zoning Report
4. MCI Report
5. Amend budget

Moved \$3,200 from 101400:801 Planning Consultant to 101400:704 Planning Salaries and Wages.

6. Payment of bills presented.
Carried.

The Sheriff Report was presented and discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – offered at 7:38 p.m. None.

REVISE AGENDA – Moved Masters seconded Foley to remove the Metro Act from the agenda.
Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Cedar Ridge Equestrian Center** - Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to approve a 2 year renewable Special Use Permit for an equestrian center on Waters Road. Site plan specifies conditions for approval. The planner reviewed the plan and issued a favorable report. A check was received for payment of the escrow fees. Carried.
2. **Telephone Update** – Upon review of the needs of the office, it was decided to purchase a new phone system from IVS Comm at a cost of \$900 for the system plus \$120 for installation. We will keep the fax line through AT&T so that there will be a phone that works for emergency reasons if the internet line goes down. The main reason for replacing the system is because our voice mail has broken and is not fixable.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Yitzhak Henig – 3417 S. Zeeb Road** (Parcel Number 13-10-200-010) – Mr. Henig purchased land on a land contract and filed an Act 260 Farmland Agreement to keep the value from uncapping. When the Henigs began to build their house and went to the bank for a mortgage on the house, the bank suggested that they split the land in order to get the mortgage. The assessor at the time, Vicki Enyart, uncapped the value because her interpretation of the law was that the

building of the house was a change of use therefore requiring the property to be uncapped. Mr. Henig requested that she return the property back to the capped value. Ms Enyart suggested to Mr. Henig that he hire an attorney in order to get the matter straightened out. The current assessor, Linda Rushton, has agreed to stipulate to recapping the property based on the fact that he no longer wished to split the property. Mr. Henig has appealed tax years 2005-2008 to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Those tax years will remain uncapped until the Michigan Tax Tribunal renders a decision to correct or maintain the current assessments or Mr. Henig agrees to the stipulation. Mr. Henig would like the township to cover part of his costs for his attorney.

Moved Godek, seconded Lindemann to take a short recess at 8:00 p.m. Carried. Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to return to the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Carried.

After much discussion on 3417 Zeeb Road Lindemann moved and Masters seconded to table this item until the February board meeting. Carried.

2. **Resolution 2009-001 – A resolution to adopt Ordinance 2009-001 – Lodi Township Littering Ordinance** - Moved Canham, seconded Masters to approve resolution 2009-001 adopting Ordinance 2009-001, Lodi Township Littering Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Staebler, Foley, Godek, Masters, Rentschler, Canham, and Lindemann. Nay: None: Absent/Abstain: None. Resolution declared adopted.
3. **Board of Review** – Moved Godek, seconded Lindemann to appoint the following to the Board of Review for years 2009-2010: Dan Dever, Vance Shutes, Jan Chronis, and Dan Struble as the alternate. Carried.
4. **Accuvote Repair** – Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to approved cost of updated at a cost of \$500 and another repaired costing \$60 to get an estimate for cost of repair plus cost of shipping. Carried.
5. **175th Lodi Township Anniversary** – The Township is 175 years old this year. The following have been appointed to establish some kin of celebration: Margaret Canham, Chair, Margaret O’Connor, Jan Godek, Mel Ellis and Wayne Clements. Masters offered to help.
6. **Escrow Accounts** – A discussion was held on current escrow accounts. The clerk requested direction on some inactive accounts. Escrow deposi5rs for certain project types will be looked at in February.
7. **Gravel Pit Inspections** – The review will be looked at in the following monthly meetings: February Stoneco, March Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel, and April Waterland. The meetings will also start at 7:00 p.m.
8. **Budget Meeting** – The budget meeting was set for February 7th at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT offered at 8:45 p.m. - None

No other business, the meeting **adjourned** at 8:45 p.m. as moved by Foley and seconded by Lindemann. Carried.

Next regular board meeting will February 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township