



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL
3755 PLEASANT LAKE ROAD
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

1. **Open Meeting** - The meeting opened with the flag pledge at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** - Present: Lindemann, Rentschler, Foley, Masters, Godek, Staebler. Absent: Canham-Keeley. Others present include Attorney Jesse O'Jack, Planning Commission Chair John Steeb, and 33 citizens
3. **Annual Meeting Washtenaw County Road Commission** - Present from the Road Commission: Roy Townsend, Doug Fuller, Aaron Berkholz, Jim Harmon, and Tony Grubb. Mr. Townsend discussed the information presented in the Annual Report for Lodi Township. Several road projects were presented for the 2012 contract. Questions and concerns were presented to the road commission. 1) Zeeb Road south of Pleasant Lake Road at bridge. Need to make a two lane bridge. At the least removal of trees and brush on both sides of the creek in order to see on coming traffic. Other problem areas stated are: Eastern end of Bethel Church Road and Dell between Weber and the township line; Requested specifics of projects prior to board approval; Dell Road need lots of work because of the by pass traffic; Question asked as to how a road becomes a primary road? In order to become a primary road, it must be paved first at a cost of about \$1,000,000 a mile. Mr. Ellis stated that Lodi Township in the last 15 years has put \$2,276,918 on local road projects. Of that the county match was \$372,310. The township spent \$1,904,608. The Annual Meeting with the Road Commission closed at 7:20 p.m.
4. **Recess** - A 10 minute recess was taken.
5. **Budget Public Hearing** - Moved Lindemann, seconded Masters to open the Budget Public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call vote: Aye: Masters, Godek, Staebler, Rentschler, Foley, and Lindemann. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). The 2012/2013 proposed budget was presented. Several questions were asked concerning the road budget, fire budget and whether electronics will be collected at the annual clean up day (no). Moved Masters, seconded Foley to close the budget public hearing at 7:42 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Staebler, Lindemann Godek, Masters, Foley, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Carried.
6. **Consent Agenda** - Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to approve the consent agenda with the addition of two bills for AT&T of \$49.26 and Tanner Supply for \$507.00. The consent agenda included:
 - C-1: Approve February Board Minutes
 - C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
 - C-3: Recognize Budget Report
 - C-4: Approve - Payment of Bills - 2/8/2012 through 3/6/2012
 - C-5: Amend Budget as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
101616:101	Trailer Park fees Twp share	\$ 80.50	
101616:102	Trailer Park fees County share	\$ 80.50	
101616:103	Trailer Park fees Ann Arbor Schools	\$ 322.00	
	Totals	\$ 483.00	\$ -

EXPENSES

101253:860	Treasurer Travel & Education	\$	200.00	
101257:801	Assessing contract	\$	1,650.00	
101257:702	Assessing Salaries			\$ 1,650.00
101265:922	Telephone	\$	75.00	
101301:801	Sheriff	\$	6,000.00	
101440:445	Drain Tax	\$	2,360.00	
201622:80				
1	Recycling Contract pick up	\$	2,000.00	
701222	Trailer park county share	\$	80.50	
701225	Trailer park school share	\$	322.00	
101101:805	Legal Services			\$ 5,000.00
101101:980	Equipment			\$ 3,000.00
101101:980.1	Software & Support			\$ 2,000.00
101265:930	Township hall Maintenance			\$ 554.50

Total Line Item Increases	\$ 12,687.50	\$ 12,204.50
revenue increase		\$ 483.00
Total Line Item Decreases		\$ 12,687.50

C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes of 2/28/2012

C-7: Recognize Sheriff Report

Carried

7. **Attorney** - No report.
8. **Planning Commission** - Mr. Steeb presented information to the board about the recommendation for approval of a Home Occupation application by Brenda Schrader and the continued review of the ordinance updates.
9. **Public Comment** - Public comment was offered at 7:42 p.m. Ms Schrader spoke on her behalf as well as Karen Edmen in support of Ms. Schrader's application.
10. **Approve/Revise Agenda** - Moved Lindemann, seconded Staebler to approve the revised agenda, removing the drain surplus funds agreement and the township planner, and adding Rhonda Marshall false alarm. Carried.
11. **Unfinished Business** - None
12. **New Business**
 - a. **Schrader Home Occupation Application** - Mr. Steeb informed the board on the background of the application. A public hearing was held, comments listed in the planning commission minutes. There is conflict in the subdivision concerning deed restrictions. There is not an active home owners association to enforce deed restrictions. The garage is an allowed building with or without the deed restrictions in the subdivision. Ms. Schrader plans to build a garage to house her equipment. There is controversy as to how large of a building she can build, that will be decided through a court case. She would like a six month extension on the storing of the equipment outside until the court case is settled, so she knows what she can build. Ms. Schrader plans to build a garage with siding and shingles, not a pole barn. She was questioned whether she had a place she can store her equipment until she gets her building up. She does not have a place to store her equipment off site at this time. Storage of materials outside is a conflict of the zoning ordinance. Several of Ms. Schrader's neighbors spoke in support of her property use. Moved Foley, seconded Staebler to approve the

Home Occupation for Brenda Schrader based on the planning commission's recommendations with conditions. Seconded by Staebler.

Conditions for approval are:

- 1. Equipment not be stored outside**
- 2. No parking on roadway by employees**
- 3. Number of employees is limited to two (2) employees
not residing at the residence**
- 4. Two year renewal.**

Motion Carried.

- b. Saline Area Fire Department 2012-2013 Budget** - Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to approve the Saline Area Fire Department 2012/2013 budget. Lodi portion operations \$261,338, Runs \$6,000 and \$15,715 for Capital Improvements. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Foley, Rentschler, Staebler, Lindemann, Masters, and Godek. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Motion carried.
- c. Assessor Contract** - Moved Lindemann, seconded Staebler to approve the assessor contract for 2012/2013 at \$46,200. Carried..
- d. Lawn Care** - Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to approve the cemetery and township hall mowing contract with Elite Yard Care. Cemetery contract will be \$4914 and the hall will be \$43.50 per cutting and the field mowing will be \$80 per cut to be done 5 times during the season. Carried.
- e. Supervisor Salary** - Resolution 2012-004 setting the supervisor salary at \$30,000 (not certified at the appropriate assessor level or not actively involved in preparing the township assessment roll), beginning April 1, 2012. If a new supervisor is elected in November the beginning salary would be \$28,000. Moved Masters and seconded Foley to adopt resolution 2012-004. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Masters, Godek, Lindemann, Rentschler, Foley, and Staebler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Resolution declared adopted.
- f. Clerk Salary** - Resolution 2012-005 setting the clerk salary at \$33,150 (includes payroll and payroll reports) beginning April 1, 2012. If a new clerk is elected, starting salary will be \$28,000 and does not include payroll in her/his duties. Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to adopt resolution 2012-005. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Rentschler, Staebler, Foley, Masters, Godek, and Lindemann. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Resolution 2012-005 declared adopted.
- g. Treasurer Salary** - Resolution 2012-006 setting the treasurer's salary at \$29,000 with winter and summer property tax collection beginning April 1, 2012. If a new treasurer is elected the beginning salary would be \$27,000. Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to adopt resolution 2012-006. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Godek, Masters, Lindemann, Staebler, Foley, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Resolution 2012-006 declared adopted.
- h. Paper of Record** - Moved Masters, seconded Rentschler to adopt The Saline Reporter as the paper of record. Carried.
- i. Township Attorney** - Moved Lindemann seconded Staebler to appoint Barr, Anhut & Associates as attorney for Lodi Township. Carried.
- j. Township Engineer** - Moved Lindemann seconded Masters to appoint OHM as the township engineering firm. Carried

- k. Meeting Dates** - Moved Foley, seconded Rentschler to approve the following 2012/2013 meeting dates of April 10, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 14, September 4, October 2, November 13, December 4, January 8, February 5, and March 5. Carried.
 - l. Adopt 2012-2013 Budget** - Moved Foley, seconded Masters to adopt the 2012-2013 Lodi Township Budget of \$1,229,420 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Godek, Rentschler, Staebler, Foley, Masters, and Lindemann. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Carried.
 - m. Chickens in a subdivision** - Chickens and roosters are fenced in on a parcel in a subdivision zoned R-1. The Right to Farm Act regulates animals and owners must comply with the GAAMPS (Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices). If they don't meet the site selection GAAMP we do not need to have the state review it. They don't meet the site selection GAAMP and therefore are not protected under the Right to Farm Act. Zoning applies. In the past we have allowed animals on parcels that were 4-H projects because they are short term. Godek and Lindemann will visit the site and do the measurement and go from there as far as issuing tickets.
 - n. False Alarm** - Rhonda Miller who lives at 5614 Blue Grass Lane sent a letter requesting relieve from a false sheriff alarm. There was a problem with the alarm and after receiving the second notice had the alarm repaired and has now contacted the township requesting relief from the charges. In the past, the township has not granted any relief as it is the owner's responsibility to be sure that alarm is in good repair. Moved Godek, seconded Rentschler to not grant relief from the charges. Carried.
- 13. Public Comment** - offered at 8:38 p.m. - Concerns raised about oil and gas leases in Lodi Township. Also concern about an ordinance to address drilling oil and gas wells. Concern was also raised about the quality of the roads if wells were drilled and what the truck traffic will do to the roads. Concerns also raised about value of property anywhere near the possible oil/gas wells. Public Comment closed at 9:05 p.m.
- 14. Adjournment** - Foley moved seconded by Staebler to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Next meeting will be April 10, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the annual gravel pit reviews.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township