



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 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: Rentschler, Canham-Keeley, Staebler, Lindemann, Godek, Foley, and Masters. Others present include Attorney Jesse O'Jack, Planning Commission Chair John Steeb, and 8 citizens
- 3. Annual Gravel Pits Reports-** Stoneco Report. Sue Hanf was representing Stoneco. Dust is primary issue. One complaint was received today concerning the dust last weekend. At the time of the inspection there was not an issue. Items were highlighted in the report. Stoneco wants the neighbors to call and report if there is a problem. The sprinkler system is new and they need to know what is happening. They had sent out a communication requesting that the neighbors contact them when there is a problem. Stoneco would like to schedule a preliminary discussion on extension of the consent judgment. All action items on the report have been addressed.

**Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel** – Mike Leoni was representing Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel. Signage at the front gate – the number (Bill Higgins cell phone #) is posted. Storage container is still on the property. They need the container to store from time to time. It is out of view of the road behind the berm, and most likely will not be a problem to remain as long as it is cleaned up around. Mining operation has not been active. Fill material is being brought in to the site. A monthly log of materials brought in was requested. The fly over inspection is current. Possibly could change the ordinance to remove that need as relative current copies can be gotten from the ewashtenaw.org website. AAS&G is taking a little material out but not processing at this time.

**Waterland Trucking** – For the most part they are selling off stock piles with minimum of processing. Need to verify tonnage reports. The road into the pit has been reconfigured with better grades. Not a lot of activity.

- 4. Recess** - A 10 minute recess was taken on motion by Masters and seconded by Foley. Carried.
- 5. Return to meeting** – Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to return to the open meeting at 7:22 p.m. Carried.
- 6. Consent Agenda** - Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to add one bill to payment of bills, also add Elite Yard Care to item number 13d in the minutes, and approve the consent agenda.
  - C-1:** Approve March Board Minutes
  - C-2:** Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
  - C-3:** Recognize Budget Report

C-4: Approve - Payment of Bills – 3/7/2012 – 4/10/2012

C-5: Amend Budget as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
101257:957	Tax Tribunal Services	\$ 150.00	
101265:930	Twp hall maintenance	\$ 100.00	
101101:812	Payroll services	\$ 26.00	
101101:805	Legal Services		\$ 276.00
<b>Total Line Item Increases</b>		<b>\$ 276.00</b>	<b>\$ 276.00</b>

C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes of 3/27/2012

C-7: Recognize Sheriff Report

Carried

7. **Attorney** – Lodi Court docket has now moved from Monday to Tuesday. Judge Tabbey will be the judge for Lodi’s docket.
8. **Planning Commission** - Mr. Steeb stated the commission is continuing review of the ordinance and ability to easily refer to specific sections.
9. **Public Comment** - Public comment was offered at 7:26 p.m.
10. **Approve/Revise Agenda** - Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to approve the revised agenda, adding cemetery discussion under new business. Carried.
11. **Unfinished Business** –  
**Drain Agreement** – Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to approve the resolution 2012-007 for payment and use of surplus drain funds. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Staebler, Lindemann, Godek, Masters, Foley, Canham-Keeley, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Resolution adopted.  
**Chicken Report** – The neighbors or the chickens in the subdivision off Brassow Road have come to an agreement until the FFA project is done in June. The property on Scio Church Road is a different matter. The MDA will be reviewing the situation and will go from there. Certain guidelines must be met according to the state. Chickens must be in a fenced area, cannot be free range.
12. **New Business**
  - a. **Reappoint Planning Commission Members** – Moved Lindemann, seconded Canham-Keeley to appoint Ronald Diuble and Steve Thelen to individual three year terms on the planning commission. Term will expire 2015. Carried.
  - b. **Reappoint Board of Appeals Member** – Moved Staebler, seconded Foley to appoint John Steeb to a three year term on the Board of Appeals. Term will expire 2015. Carried.
  - c. **4800 Ellsworth Road** – House has been condemned by the building department. We do not know whether anyone is living there. Deputy stopped and looked at the property. There was a light on, no one answered the door. The Washtenaw County hoarding task force will be following up on this situation. The electricity will be shut off. The building department will be taking it from there.
  - d. **4465 Waters Road** – This will be a test for the blight ordinance. There is a sheriff deed on the house. The people are gone. When they left, they left

trash on the property. Neighbors have been lodging complaints. The banks own the property. Supervisor will send letter regarding the blight ordinance to the bank and the attorney listed.

- e. **MLCC Bulletin No.** 2012-05 – Was distributed for information.
  - f. **Cancelled Fire Alarms** – Clerk requested clarification concerning cancelled fire alarms. A fire alarm was cancelled prior to the fire department leaving the building. Consensus of the board was that if the fire department did not charge the township anything, it would not be chargeable. If the department has responded to the alarm and had left the building, it would be chargeable.
  - g. **Warning Sirens** – Chief Hoeft requested the possibility of putting up a warning siren somewhere near Orchard Grove Manufactured Community with the Township partnering on the cost. Ms. Godek has written to the county concerning this matter. When the manufactured community was expanded, Lodi requested that they put up some kind of a warning siren there for the safety of their residents. State did not back Lodi in requiring that. Discussed that a siren may be placed somewhere near the Farm Council Grounds. The board consensus was that they were interested, but need to know about cost prior to making any decisions on the matter.
  - h. **Lodi Cemetery** – Neighbors, Delores Kingston and her husband, have been busy cleaning up the northeast area of the cemetery. Pretty much clean cut everything. The area needs to be mowed and some roots need to be removed. The dirt piles need to be leveled and seeded. There is a clean-up day on April 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be some work done on that day, but don't know how much can be done that day. Elite Yard Care gave us an estimate to clean up the area, level and seed of \$640. Will see what can be done on the clean-up day. Will bring back the estimate to the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting after the clean-up day.
  - i. **2012 National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Grant** – Canham-Keeley would like to apply for the grant to possibly get some headstones repaired in the cemetery. She will apply for the grant.
- 13. Public Comment** – Offered at 7:57 p.m. Roads and Oil and Gas leases were commented on. Ewaste recycling will be held at Pioneer High School on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 until 2 p.m.
- 14. Adjournment** - Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters  
Clerk, Lodi Township