



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 5, 2013 - 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.
Roll Call – Present: Lindemann, Rentschler, Godek, Foley, and Masters. Absent: Canham-Keeley and Giezantner. Also present Attorney O’Jack, Planning Commission Vice-Chair Doug Veenstra and 5 citizens.
2. **Warning Sirens** – Marc Breckenridge from Washtenaw County presented a proposal for four (4) outdoor warning Sirens placement within Lodi Township. The Washtenaw County Sheriff Emergency Services Division is responsible for the activation and operation of designated outdoor warning sirens. There are funds available from a Homeland Security Grant to cover the cost and installation. The township would be responsible for the annual maintenance, approximately \$500 each and repairs. The sirens could be up and running by 2014 with the first year of maintenance included in the installation. Washtenaw County recommends 4 sirens for Lodi Township. The county will cover the cost of insurance. Cost of each siren is \$20,000. County would like to have a decision within the next month. The township would pay for the maintenance contract after the sirens have been installed one (1) year. The sirens cannot go on top of existing polls. Poll is included in the cost of the sirens.
3. **Assessor’s Contract** – Jim Ruston discussed with the board the proposed contract for 2013-2014 Lodi Township assessing. They are currently in the 5th year of a review project and recommend continuing the program. The state does a 14 point review, and if they find that if the assessor is not doing the correct review techniques, they order a reappraisal. They have done that in Dexter Township. In order to avoid that situation, in Lodi Township, the assessors instituted a five year review plan. They currently have the South area and Dexter School area to do and a few other small items. These have been field reviews, correcting items as they find them. Many of the areas had not been reviewed in a long time. With the review, they have found many items that have not been in the assessing records. Mr. Rushton was thanked for his information.
4. **Annual Meeting with Washtenaw County Road Commission** – Roy Townsend with the road commission presented the annual report and proposed projects for 2014. Discussion on Brassow Road held as it is in disrepair. Possibility of requesting it to be changed to a primary road was presented. There would be more money if it would be a primary road. Also there could be a special assessment district for that road. Could look into that also. Need to let the county know by May 24, 2013 for projects and dust control.
5. 7:17 p.m. – Enter Giezantner
6. **Public Hearing 2013-2014 Budget** – Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to open the Budget Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Masters, Lindemann, Rentschler, Giezantner, Foley, and Godek. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley. Carried. Different items were discussed, including the assessor’s contract. It was suggested that we offer the assessor’s the same contract amount as

they received for 2012-2013, stating that we don't care how they divide the money, but no raise will be given.

7. **Short Break** – Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to take a short break at 7:58 p.m. Carried. Moved Lindemann, seconded Godek to return to the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. Carried. A couple line items were changed in the proposed budget. No other discussion, Lindemann moved to close the public hearing with Giezentaner seconding at 8:05 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Giezentaner, Foley, Lindemann, Godek, Masters, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Carried. Moved Lindemann, seconded Giezentaner to close the budget public hearing at 8:05 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Giezentaner, Foley, Lindemann, Godek, Masters, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Carried.
8. **Consent Agenda** – Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to approve the consent agenda as distributed with the addition of one additional bill for payment.
 - C-1: Approve February Board Minutes
 - C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
 - C-3: Recognize Budget Report
 - C-4: Approve – Payment of Bills 2/6/2013 thru 3/5/2013
 - C-5: Amend Budget

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
REVENUE		
101390	Transfer from Fund Balance	\$ 24,899.00
	TOTAL	\$ 24,899.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
101101:805	Legal Services	\$ 4,000.00
101257:801	Assessor Contract	\$ 3,850.00
101257:702	Assessing Wages	\$ (1900.00)
101101:726	General Supplies	\$ 400.00
101265:930	Township Hall maintenance	\$ (250.00)
101276:930	Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 250.00
101345:448	Brookview Highlands Lighting District	\$ 470.00
701222	Trailer Park/County Share	\$ 130.00
701225	Trailer Park/Schools Share	\$ 250.00
999999	Uncategorized expenses	\$ (1,851.00)
101301:801	Sheriff Patrol	\$ 20,000.00
101400:704.1	PC Recording Secretary	\$ (450.00)
	TOTAL	\$ 24,899.00

- C-6: Recognize Sheriff Report
 - C-7: Recognize Zoning Report
- Carried

9. **Attorney Report** – None
10. **Planning Commission** – February meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Items will be added to the March agenda.
11. **Public Comment** - Public comment was offered at 8:08 p.m. None
12. **Approve/Revise Agenda** - Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to approve the revised agenda adding discussion on a printer and a request from Waterland Trucking regarding an escrow withdrawal. Carried.
13. **Unfinished Business**

1. **2013-2014 Meeting Dates** – Moved Foley seconded Lindemann to approve resolution 2013-007 listing the 2013-2014 Board of Trustees meeting dates. They are as follows: April 9, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, 2014, February 4, 2014 and March 4, 2014. Roll Call vote: Aye: Masters, Lindemann, Godek, Rentschler, Foley, and Giezentaner. Nay: None, Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Resolution declared adopted.

14. New Business

- a. **Waterland Trucking Release of escrow request** – Waterland Trucking presented a request to the board for removal of \$35,000 from their escrow for restoration of a specified area. Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to allow the early withdrawal of \$35,000 from their escrow account, Waterland will cover the penalty for the early withdrawal. Carried.
- b. **Warning Sirens** – Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to accept the 4 warning sirens from Washtenaw County in the areas that they have established recognizing that Lodi Township will be responsible for maintenance after the first year. Carried.
- c. **2013-2014 Saline Area Fire Department Budget** – The budget was presented. The proposed operating for 2013/2014 for Lodi Township (32.14%) \$281,319. The proposed Capital Improvements \$16,070. Moved Foley, second Lindemann to approve the presented budget. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Rentschler, Foley, Masters, Godek, Lindemann, and Giezentaner. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Carried.
- d. **Assessor Contract** – Moved Godek, seconded Lindemann to offer the assessor a contract with the same amount as the 2012-2013 contract (\$46,200). Roll Call Vote: Aye: Giezentaner, Lindemann, Masters, Godek, Foley, and Rentschler. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Carried.
- e. **Lawn Care Bids** – Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to approve the lawn care bids from Elite Yard Care. Cemetery bid is for \$710.00 per month for seven months. Township hall bid was for \$43.50 per cutting plus \$80 for each field mowing five times during the year. Carried.
- f. **Paper of Record** – Moved Masters, second Foley to adopt the Saline Reporter as our paper of record. Carried.
- g. **Attorney** – Moved Masters, second Giezentaner to appoint Jesse O’Jack of Barr, Anhut, Inc. as the attorney for Lodi Township. Carried.
- h. **Planning Consultant** – Moved Godek, seconded Lindemann to appoint Donald Pennington as the Planning Consultant for Lodi Township. Carried.
- i. **Engineer** – Moved Masters, second Godek to appoint OHM, namely Ron Cavallaro and Marcus McNamera as the engineering consultants for Lodi Township. Carried.
- j. **2013-2014 Budget** – Moved Masters, second Foley to adopt the 2013-2014 budget as updated. Roll Call Vote. Aye: Foley, Lindemann, Giezentaner, Rentschler, Masters, and Godek. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Canham-Keeley (absent). Carried.
- k. **Appoint Board of Appeals Members** – Moved Masters second Foley to appoint Paul Thibault and Mel Ellis to individual three (3) year terms on the Board of Appeals. Carried.
- l. **Appoint Planning Commission Members** – Moved Masters, second Lindemann to appoint John Steeb and Doug Veenstra to individual three (3) year terms on the Planning Commission. Carried.

m. Printer – Since we are now required by law to have a Receiving Board for all elections, there is now an inkjet printer that is no longer needed. The clerk has a resident willing to pay \$50 to the township for the printer. Moved Lindemann, second Foley to sell the printer for \$50. Carried.

15. Public Comment – Offered at 8:27 p.m.

16. Adjournment – Moved Masters, seconded Lindemann to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Next meeting will be April 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township