



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2013 7:00 P.M.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL
3755 PLEASANT LAKE ROAD
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

1. **Open Meeting** - The meeting opened with the flag pledge at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – Present: Lindemann, Foley, Masters, Canham-Keeley, Godek, and Giezentaner. Absent Rentschler. Also present Attorney O’Jack, Planning Commission Chair Doug Veenstra and 15 citizens.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Moved Lindemann, seconded Giezentaner to approve the consent agenda as distributed.
 - C-1: Approve April Board Minutes
 - C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
 - C-3: Recognize Budget Report
 - C-4: Approve – Payment of Bills 4/10/13 thru 5/7/13
 - C-5: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes
 - C-6: Recognize Sheriff Report
 - C-7: Recognize Zoning ReportCarried
2. **Attorney Report** – None
3. **Planning Commission** – The planning commission has set May 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. for the draft Zoning Ordinance public hearing. The hearing will be held at the township hall and comments will be received from the public. Copies of the draft ordinance are available at the Saline Library, at the township hall and on the township website.
4. **Public Comment** - Public comment was offered at 7:03 p.m. None.
5. **Lodi Township new Sergeant** – Supervisor Godek introduced Sgt. Tom Pennington. He is the new Sergeant covering Lodi Township with Washtenaw County Sheriff Department.
6. **Approve/Revise Agenda** - Moved Giezentaner, seconded Foley to approve the agenda as revised: removing carpet cleaning bids, adding the grave tiller in the cemetery vault and adding information on the annexation request by Keystone Church. Carried.
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Keystone Church Annexation request** – Supervisor Godek attended the meeting in Lansing as well as a ~~few~~ **two (2)** other Lodi residents and Todd Campbell from the City of Saline. The boundary commission denied the request for annexation. Attorney O’Jack questioned whether the city may reconsider a 425 agreement. Supervisor Godek stated she felt that they would not do that.
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Dust Control** – Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to change the dust control contract to do 3 applications of contract brine for this year at a cost of \$38,845.50
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Giezentaner, Canham-Keeley, Lindemann, Godek, Foley, and Masters. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: Rentschler (absent). Carried.
 - b. **Roads** – Brassow Road is need of repair. The Road Commission has given the township an estimated cost of \$237,000 **to mill and resurface the road.**

According to the Road Commission Lodi Township has not put any money into Brassow Road, except when it was paved in 1984. Other projects suggested were Saline Waterworks Road, Dell to Grass; Textile Road from Saline Ann Arbor to Dell Road, and a culvert on Bethel Church Road. Discussion on the road projects followed. A resident requested what the project for Brassow Road entailed. Another resident that uses Brassow Road for running stated it is unsafe to run on that road because of the condition of the road. Supervisor Godek discussed the possibility of a special assessment district for the residents of Brassow Road and other roads where the only access is the use of Brassow Road. Another resident asked historically who paved Brassow Road. Another resident stated that it was paved in 1984. The County Road Commission paid 1/3 of the cost, the Township paid 1/3 of the cost and the residents paid 1/3 of the cost. The total cost was \$84,000. Neil Lindemann stated that he has a copy of who paid what in 1984 for the paving of the road. Another question was asked about who determines the qualifications for a road to become a primary road. The State makes that determination.

More discussion on Brassow Road followed, including the a special assessment district, and requesting Brassow Road to become a primary road. A suggestion was made to try and do some section patching on Brassow and see how much that would cost. Mel and Bill will meet with Matt MacDonell to see about the repair. It was suggested the bad areas could be milled, rolled and put on an asphalt overlay. Supervisor Godek asked the residents of Brassow Road whether they would be willing to go with the patch.

Brookview Highlands is looking at a special assessment district to have the roads redone in that subdivision. Some of the roads will be completely redone, and some will be milled and repaved. The cost estimate is about \$547,000. Residents are wondering whether the township would help kick in some funds toward the project as we have never put any money into their roads. Supervisor Godek stated that the board will look at the project when the project costs are finalized.

Moved Lindemann, seconded Masters, to contract for the following road project to be done by Washtenaw County Road Commission: Textile Road from Saline Ann Arbor Road west to Dell Road. The project includes 6" of limestone and ditching at a cost of \$119,000 with the matching funds and remaining ditching funds toward that project. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Foley, Canham-Keeley, Masters, Giezentner, Godek, and Lindemann. Nay: None. Absent: Rentschler. Motion carried.

- c. **Gravel Pit Bonds** – Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel recommended bond estimate for restoration is \$2.6 million. We have received some information from Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel regarding the importation of materials for last year. The 2011 and the 2012 taxes have not been paid on any of Mike Leoni's Lodi Township parcels. We will address Ann Arbor Sand and Gravel at the June board meeting.
- d. **Toll Brothers – Riding Oaks Estates Rezoning** – Toll Brothers has requested a zoning change on parcel number M-13-04-200-011 (formally numbers M-13-04-200-001 and M-13-04-200-002) from Agriculture to Planned Unit Development. The plan is for 29 residential units. After reviewing the findings of facts from the Planning Commission, it was moved by Masters, seconded by Lindemann to

- approve the rezoning from AG to PUD adopting the planning commission's findings of facts and approving the submitted area plan. The master deed has been submitted. Attorney O'Jack will be reviewing from the township's perspective, and send comments to the applicant. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Godek, Foley, Giezentaner, Masters, and Lindemann. Nay: None. Absent: Rentschler; Abstain: Canham-Keeley (voted at the planning commission). Carried.
- e. **Fireworks Request** – Jones and Jones of 7140 Textile Road has requested a fireworks display for July 13, 2013. The fire department has given the ok for the display. Moved Lindemann, seconded Foley to approve the request. Carried.
 - f. **Blight Ordinance** – We have been receiving complaints in regard to a large pile of branches (a burn pile). Resident wants the township to enforce the blight ordinance which does not address burn piles on larger parcels. The supervisor requested guidance from the board as to whether they consider the burn pile blight. The parcel is about 10 acres. The pile does not appear to be close to the property line, it cannot be seen from the road. It can only be seen from the resident's house. A public comment stated that they have their own burn pile, as many people do right now, because of the weather and tree damage. Would have to address the same problem township wide.
 - g. **Deputy Clerk** – The clerk requested direction from the board in regard to hiring a new deputy clerk. She would like to maintain two deputies for a short time to help with training the new deputy and what wage can be offered to the new deputy. Suggested starting the new deputy at \$12 or \$13 per hour during the possible three month ~~pay~~ probation period. Board stated they do not have a problem with the clerk having two (2) deputies for maybe three months.
 - h. **Grave Tiller** – While cleaning out the mausoleum at the cemetery, Doug Frey, the sexton, felt that the grave tiller (that was used to warm the soil in the winter in order to dig a grave) could be disposed of. When he had it out and turned it over, he found it was full of asbestos. We need to find a place for disposal. It was suggested that someone might be interested in the historical value of the item. It was suggested that we look for a patent number on the item and research it. Otherwise, Foley moved and Lindemann seconded to look into the removal of the asbestos and pay for it from the cemetery fund. Carried. If the asbestos is intact, it can be left in place. If historic, it could be put in the old township hall. Canham-Keeley will investigate into the history.
 - i. **Fire Run to Collection** – A traffic accident involving a post office vehicle on Textile Road last year. The driver was found responsible through the court system. Attorney stated that the driver ~~should~~ received the notice that she was found responsible and tell her it will be going to collection if not paid. If she wished to get reimbursed from the government she would need to present the bill to her employer.
 - j. **Stoneco** – The revisions to the consent judgment is near to completion. The township has not gotten a copy. We may have something to look at by next month.
9. FYI
- a. **Vince Olson, Eagle Scout** – Peg Canham-Keely presented a certificate of appreciation to Vince at his Eagle Scout Ceremony for his work at the cemetery doing the landscaping around the columbarium.
10. **Public Comment** – Offered at 8:41 p.m. None.
11. **Adjournment** – Moved Masters, seconded Foley to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township