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**LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2008 - 7:30 P.M.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL**

I. Call to order - Flag Pledge

II. Roll Call

III. Consent Agenda

1. May Board minutes
2. Treasurers report
3. Planning Commission Minutes
4. Zoning Report
5. Sheriff Report
6. Payment of Bills

IV. Short Public Comment

(A member of the public may address the Board briefly, for up to two minutes on an agenda item, or request to be scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting.)

V. Revision / Approval of Agenda

(Items may be added or deleted from the meeting agenda, and/or the order of items may be changed, at the request of an individual Board member or the Supervisor. The agenda must be approved before proceeding further.)

VI. Keystone Church Annexation - John Enos - discussion

VII. Unfinished Business/Postponed Business:

1. Cemetery Ordinance for review and additional comments
2. 2008 Road Projects

*Blight Ordinance

*Weed Ordinance

*Policy for withdrawn applications

*PDR Ordinance

*= Items not for discussion this month but future unfinished business

VIII. New Business

1. Waterland Trucking - maintenance building
2. Discussion on possible millage - November ballot - must be filed by August 12
3. Peacocks and Lindow Meadow Lane Property

IX. Correspondence/FYI

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X. Public Comment

(To address any topic NOT on the agenda – 4 minute time limit)

XI. Closed Session if needed

XII. Next Regular Meeting July 1, 2008, 7:30 p.m. Lodi Township Hall.

XIII. Adjournment

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LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 7, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

LODI TOWNSHIP HALL

The regular meeting opened with the flag pledge at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call of the Board: Crowner, Radecki, Rentschler, Lindemann, Foley, Godek, and Masters. Also present: Attorney O'Jack, Planning Commission Chair, John Steeb, and one citizen.

Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to approve the Consent Agenda adding one small correction to the minutes.

Consent agenda included

1. April Board Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Planning Commission Minutes
4. Zoning Report
5. Sheriff Report
6. Payment of Bills

Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – offered at 7:32 p.m.

REVISE AGENDA – Moved Masters, seconded Godek to approve the agenda as printed. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Cemetery Ordinance** - A sample ordinance was distributed to the board. Comments are requested from the board by May 25th for insertion into the ordinance. One item that might need to be included is specifications for foundations.
2. **Blight and Weed Ordinance** - Supervisor will provide the board with sample ordinances for review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2008-005 - Lodi Township Investment Policy** - Specific bank names have changed and one bank was removed. Moved Masters, seconded Crowner to adopt the 2008-005 Lodi Township Investment Police. Roll Call Vote: Any: Rentschler, Crowner, Lindemann, Masters, Godek, Radecki, and Foley. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Resolution adopted.
2. **Ordinance 2008-002 - Zoning Map Change** - Moved Foley, seconded Lindemann to adopt Ordinance 2008-002 moving 4.93 acres of Parcel # M-13-04-400-008 from Agriculture (AG) to Natural Resource (NR) zoning so that the entire parcel will now be zoned Natural Resource (NR). Roll Call Vote: Aye: Foley, Rentschler, Crowner, Lindemann, Masters, Godek, and Radecki. Nay: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Carried. Publication date will be May 15, 2008 and Effective Date May 22, 2008.
3. **2008 Road Projects** - A lengthy discussion was held on past road projects and proposed projects for 2008. We need to get estimates on several roads for seal coating some roads this year. Other possible projects will be Ellsworth Road from Zeeb to Gensley, Ellsworth Road from Ann Arbor

Saline to Maple, and Alber Road from Textile Road to Saline Waterworks Road. The board will look at those estimates in June and finalize them at the June 3, 2008 meeting. 2008 dust control will be two solid applications of chloride. Moved Rentschler, seconded Masters to do 2 applications of chloride in 2008 at a cost of \$40,400.50 per application. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none at 8:28 p.m.

No other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m..

Next regular board meeting will June 3, 2008 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township

LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS
MAY 13, 2008 - 7:30 P.M.
LODI TOWNSHIP HALL

Present: Steeb, Rentschler, Ellis, Thibault, and Bauer. Also present: also Robert Lavasseur and Robert Clark. .

Public hearing opened at 7:30 p.m. to hear Robert Lavasseur's request for variances of the Lodi Township Zoning Ordinance to allow an addition of a sunroom to his home on a non-conforming parcel and encroaching the front and side yard setbacks. Lodi Township parcel number M-13-14-400-015.

FINDING OF FACTS PER LODI TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 59.07A:

1. The lot and house placement existed before the present zoning ordinance was adopted, which made it non-conforming.
2. Being non-conforming would deny the owner the right to add a sunroom, which otherwise would be allowed.
3. The non conformity was created when the 1965 zoning ordinance was adopted.
4. Granting the variance, allows the owner the same rights as other conforming houses in the township.
5. Granting of this variance is not based on other conditions.
6. The added sunroom will not conflict with Washtenaw County Environmental Health requirements.

Public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

Motion to approve the variance of lot size, front and side yard setbacks because the house was built prior to the adoption of the 1965 zoning ordinance by Steeb, second by Bauer and passed 5-0.

Motion made to approve the January 29, 2008 minutes by Rentschler, second by Thibault and passed 5-0.

Public hearing opened at 8:00 p.m. for Ronnie Story court ordered review of denied variance. Present Don Stegenga. Absent: all other interested parties. Request by Don Samhat, Attorney, for Ronnie Story to table meeting, because he was unable to attend.

Public hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

Motion to table request until June 10, 2008, by Thibault, second by Ellis. Passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

John T. Steeb
Board of Appeals Chair

2008 Zoning Compliance Report

ZONING COMPLIANCE REPORT 4/16/2008 through 5/14/2008

Case No.	Date	Case No.	Description	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
08-013	4/17/2008	13-07-100-011	Remodel	\$ 50.00	\$	40.00	0
08-014	4/19/2008	13-24-27-011	Tuff Shed	\$ 50.00	\$	40.00	4
08-015	4/25/2008	13-25-210-014	addition	\$ 50.00	\$	40.00	6
08-016	5/2/2008	13-23-400-005	pool	\$ 50.00	\$	40.00	4
08-017	5/5/2008	13-08-400-020	out building 40X60	\$ 50.00	\$	40.00	7
08-018	5/8/2008	13-08-300-009	Garage/shed	\$ 50.00	\$	40.00	7
				\$ 300.00	\$	240.00	\$ 14.14

- 1 remodel
- 2 garages
- 1 shed
- 1 addition

**Lodi Township
Washtenaw County, Michigan
Cemetery Ordinance**

**Ordinance 2008-003
Resolution 2008-006**

At a regular meeting of the Lodi Township Board of Trustees at the Township Hall, 3755 Pleasant Lake Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan on the _____ day of _____, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. the following resolution was offered by Member _____, and seconded by Member _____.

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control, and management of cemeteries owned by the Township of Lodi, Washtenaw County, Michigan; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance, and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It is also intended that this ordinance will serve as a means of achieving a peaceful and respectful setting for the burial of the dead while permitting reasonable opportunities for persons to care for, beautify, adorn and improve gravesites within the cemetery.

THE TOWNSHIP OF LODI, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1: Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Lodi Township Cemetery Ordinance.

Section 2: Definitions of Cemetery Lots and Burial Spaces

A "grave" is a burial space for human remains, which consists of a land area four (4) feet wide by twelve (12) feet in length. The "head" of a grave shall be defined as the end boundary of a grave nearest to the location where monuments and markers have traditionally been located in the cemetery. If it is unclear as to which end of the grave is the "head" as to a particular grave, the decision of the Township Clerk shall be final.

A "lot" shall consist of burial spaces sufficient to accommodate from one to six burial spaces.

An "infant or stillborn burial space" shall consist of a land area three (3) feet wide and three and one half (3 ½) feet in length and may be buried on the same lot as a regular burial.

A "walkway is an open space located at the foot of each grave and in between the lots. Walkways vary in width.

A "service drive" is an area on which equipment may be driven without traversing a grave.

A "Tribute Area" is that part of the surface of a grave located within thirty-six (36) inches of the head (boundary) of a grave.

Section 3: Sale of Lots or Burial Spaces

Hereafter, cemetery lots or burial spaces shall be sold only to residents of the Township for the purpose of the burial of such purchaser or his or her heirs at law or next of kin. No sale shall be made to funeral directors or others than as heretofore set forth. The Township Clerk, however, is hereby granted the authority to vary the aforesaid restriction on sales where the purchaser discloses sufficient personal reason for burial within the Township through previous residence in the Township.

All such sales shall be made on a form approved by the Township Board, which grants a right of burial only and does not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Township Clerk.

Burial rights may only be transferred to those persons eligible to be original purchasers of cemetery lots or burial spaces within the Township and may be effected only by endorsement of an assignment of such burial permit upon the original burial permit form issued by the Township Clerk, approved by said Clerk, and entered upon the official records of said Clerk. Upon such assignment, approval and record, said Clerk shall issue a new burial permit to the assignee and shall cancel and terminate upon such records, the original permit thus assigned.

Section 4: Purchase Price and Transfer Fees

Each adult burial space shall cost the sum of \$500

Any transfer of one or more burial spaces from an original purchaser to a qualified assignee shall cost \$ 25 per burial space.

The foregoing charges shall be paid to the Township Treasurer and shall be deposited in the cemetery fund.

The Township Board, by resolution, may periodically alter the foregoing fees to accommodate increased costs and needed reserve funds for cemetery maintenance and acquisition.

Section 5: Grave Opening Charges

The opening and closing of any burial space, prior to and following a burial therein, and including the interment of ashes, shall be at a cost to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Township Board, payable to the Township.

No burial spaces shall be opened and closed except under the direction and control of the Lodi Township Cemetery Sexton. This provision shall not apply to proceedings

for the removal and reinterment of bodies and remains, which matters are under the supervision of the local health department.

Section 6: Markers or Memorials

All markers or memorials must be of stone or other equally durable composition and must be placed within on (1) years of burial.

Any large upright monuments must be located upon a suitable foundation to maintain the same in an erect position.

Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be permitted per burial space. A monument or marker that commemorates more than one person on contiguous graves may be centered on such graves within the tribute area.

The footing or foundation upon which any monument, marker or memorial must be placed shall be constructed by the Township Sexton at cost to the owner of the burial right.

Each monument or marker shall be placed at the head of a gave and in line with other nearby monuments or markers.

Section 7: Interment Regulations

Only one person may be buried in a burial space except for a mother and infant or two children buried at the same time. A burial space may accommodate up to three (3) cremations as well as one (1) burial vault.

Not less than 36 hours notice (unless a particular religious tradition must be followed) shall be given in advance of any time of any funeral to allow for the opening of the burial spaces.

The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein, where necessary, shall be presented to either the Sexton or the Township Clerk prior to interment. Where such permit has been lost or destroyed, the Township Clerk shall be satisfied, from his or her records, that the person to be buried in the burial space is an authorized and appropriate one before any interment is commenced or completed.

All graves shall be located in an orderly and neat appearing manner within the confines of the burial space involved.

The Township is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage to any monument, marker, floral display, planting, or other adornment located within the cemetery including those located within a tribute area.

Section 8: Ground Maintenance

No grading, leveling, or excavating upon burial space shall be allowed without the permission of the Cemetery Sexton or the Township Clerk.

No shrubs, or trees type shall be planted without the approval of the Township Board. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval may be removed by the Township or the Cemetery Sexton.

The Township Board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.

Mounds which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus are prohibited.

The Cemetery Sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays or containers therefore that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter or a maintenance problem.

Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.

All refuse of any kind or nature including, among others, dried flowers, wreaths, papers, and flower containers must be removed or deposited in containers located within the cemetery.

Section 9: Forfeiture of Vacant Cemetery Lots or Burial Spaces

Cemetery lots or burial spaces sold after the effective date of the ordinance and remaining vacant 40 years from the date of their sale shall automatically revert to the Township upon occurrence of the following events:

Notice shall be sent by the Township Clerk by first class mail to the last known address of the last owner of record informing him of the expiration of the 40-year period and that all rights with respect to said lots or spaces will be forfeited if he does not affirmatively indicate in writing to the Township Clerk within 60 days from the date of mailing of the within notice his desire to retain said burial rights.

No written response to said notice indicating a desire to retain the cemetery lots or burial spaces in question is received by the Township Clerk from the last owner of record of said lots or spaces, or his heirs or legal representative, within 60 days from the date of mailing of said notice.

Section 10: Repurchase of Lots or Burial Spaces

The Township may repurchase any cemetery lots or burial space from the current owner of a Cemetery Lot Certificate of an amount equal to the original purchase price, provided the Township has received a written request from such owner.

Section 11: Records

The Township Clerk shall maintain records concerning all burials, issuance of burial permits, and any perpetual care fund, including the name and address of the person or persons to whom each cemetery lot certificate is issued. Such records shall be kept separate and apart from any other records of the Township and the same shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable business hours.

Section 12: Vault

Burial vaults shall be required for all lot interments, and shall be constructed of reinforced concrete, steel, or other approved product which meets performance requirements established by recognized associations within the vault industry, and are found acceptable by the Township. All concrete vaults shall meet the Performance Standards established by the National Concrete Burial Vault Association (NCBVA).

Section 13: Penalties

Any person who violates or refuses to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall be responsible for a civil infraction. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, the Township may enforce this ordinance in any other manner permitted by law.

Section 15: Severability

The provisions of the within ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision, section or part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall only affect the particular provision, section or part thereof involved in such decision and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 16: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effective upon publications.

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

Resolution 2008-006 adopted. Ordinance # 2008-003 declared adopted

Adopted
Published
Effective

CERTIFICATION

I, Elaine E. Masters, the duly qualified and elected Clerk of Lodi Township hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance and resolution adopted by the Lodi Township Board at a regular meeting held on _____, 2008

Elaine E. Masters
Clerk, Lodi Township