

Lyndon Township
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118
Tuesday, January 8, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: MaryAnn Noah, Linda Reilly, Katie Francis, Mary Jane Maze

Members Absent: LeeAnn Shanahan

Also Present: Merritt Honbaum, Peter Flintoft

Call to Order: Noah called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: None

Consent Agenda: Adopted as amended with changes made to the order of the meeting agenda.

Police Report: Lt. McCaffey, Michigan State Police, gave this month's police report, highlighting statistics, 2007 budget issues, additional police coverage in spring, and discussed how MSP and police from the Sheriff's office are dispatched.

Herrst/Cane Property Collapse: Noah moved, supported by Reilly, to go into closed session with Township Attorney, Pete Flintoft, to discuss the Herrst/Cane property collapse. **Carried 4-0.**

Closed Session began at 7:20 PM.

Francis moved, supported by Maze, to come out of closed session at 7:45 PM. **Carried 4-0.**

Supervisor's Report: Noah reported the Township is doing well with the current budget and will schedule a budget workshop meeting for the upcoming FY 2008-2009 fiscal year. Noah reported that in light of Lt. McCaffey's report of increased police protection beginning in spring '08, the Board agreed no action would be taken at this time to develop a citizen's advisory committee regarding the police shortage.

CAFA 2008-2009 Budget: Board members stated they were comfortable with CAFA's new FY budget. No action was taken.

Lyndon Sewer Ordinance for Properties Serviced by the Sylvan Sewer Authority: Board members were provided copies of the Lyndon Township Sewer Use Ordinance for the Sewer District of the Sylvan Township Water & Sewer Authority for consideration. The identical document was discussed in detail at last month's meeting as it pertained to the Sylvan Sewer Authority Rules & Regulations and was opened for questions. Noah offered that the Township adopt the ordinance, supported by Francis. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – aye; Reilly – aye; Maze – aye; Noah – aye. Carried 4-0.**

Enbridge Pipelines v. Lyndon Township: Flintoft reported 140 out of 190 townships involved in this lawsuit have agreed to settle and signed Stipulations and recommends Lyndon to do the same adding that Dexter, Freedom, Lima, and other nearby townships are expecting to settle. Flintoft asked Noah to talk with Assessor Greg Zamenski before making a final decision at next month's Board meeting. Maze moved, supported by Reilly, to table further discussion until the February Board meeting. **Carried 4-0.**

Wireless Internet: Noah reported wireless Washtenaw through 20/20 Communications continues to have problems and Noah has been working hard to find other alternatives. Noah learned that Sprint/Nextel offers Mobile Broadband in the area through the cell towers and spent the day driving through Lyndon confirming areas of access, never losing her Internet connection at anytime. The Sprint Broadband was tested at the Township Hall finding it worked surprisingly fast. The Township will contact Hughes Net Internet and AT&T to compare service/pricing and discuss the best way to get that information to the residents, possibly by postcard and the Township's website.

Policies & Procedures: None

Reports:

- *CAFA:* Report by Noah
- *Multi-Lakes Sewer:* Report by Noah
- *Leoni Sewer:* Report by Noah
- *Sylvan Sewer:* Report by Noah
- *CACA:* No meeting.
- *WWRA:* Francis reported Frank Hammer, Chair, stated WWRA is doing nothing illegal pertaining to their check signing policy and that it is a dead issue. Noah disagreed and stated WWRA, as an authority under the Township, should follow the same procedures the Township is required to follow. Noah will contact K. Vaughn, Michigan Department of Treasury, and F. Hammer regarding this issue.
- *Ordinance Officer's Report:* Honbaum reported an increase in requests for decks, pole barns, additions, and a special land use application scheduled for January 29.

Other Business: None

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from two people.

Adjournment: Francis moved, supported by Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Petrie
Office Manager