

APPROVED MINUTES  
LYNDON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2006

Members Present: Linda Reilly, Mary Jane Maze, LeeAnn Shanahan, and  
Kathryn Francis

Members Absent: Mary Ann Noah

Also Present: Merritt Honbaum, Ordinance Office  
Bob Mester, Deputy Ordinance Officer

Due to the fact that Supervisor MaryAnn Noah was ill and not present, Trustee Shanahan chaired, and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

*Call to the Public:* Jim and Betty Kies of Mester Road addressed the Board with an issue on Waterloo Road. They stated that during the winter, when the large sledding area on Waterloo Road near M52 is being used, people park their cars on both sides of Waterloo Road, leaving only one lane open for driving. The County placed "No Parking" signs along there, but that does not seem to be helping. They stated that this is a safety concern, since a Firetruck wouldn't be able to get through there. It seems to be a problem particularly on Saturdays and Sundays. Francis stated that she would contact the State Police to remind them to patrol that area during the winter months and try to keep it under control.

*Consent Agenda:* Maze moved and Francis supported to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

*Chelsea Area Fire Authority-Proposed Operational Budget for Fiscal year 2006/2007:* Budget was reviewed by Board members, showing 12.70% percentage allocation for Lyndon Township, and \$112,281. contribution level for 2006-2007. The total projected revenue for the Fiscal Year is \$908,900.

*Second Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority:*

Francis moved and Maze supported to adopt the Second Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority and the Maps. Roll call vote: Maze-aye; Reilly-aye; Shanahan-aye; and Francis-aye. Carried.

*Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority Billing to Lyndon Township:*

Francis stated that this bill is for seventeen miscellaneous tires with rims and one tire which were placed in the Lyndon Township dumpster at the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority. The Board discussed and decided that the Township is responsible for this bill.

Maze moved and Reilly supported to authorize payment of \$180.00 to Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority for seventeen tires and rims and one tire.

*Zoning Board of Appeals - 21 Day Period -Approval of Minutes:*

Lyndon Township Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, John Francis addressed the Board stating that he contacted MTA questioning the time period in which a person may appeal a decision made by the Zoning Board. MTA states, "Under Michigan Court Rules, an appeal by rights must be made to the circuit court within 21 days after the entry of the order or judgement appealed from." (See attachment A)

John Francis stated that the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance wording states "30 days" as opposed to 21 days, and recommended that the time-period wording be removed altogether from the Zoning Ordinance.

Katie Francis moved and Reilly supported to table this issue for the present, until the Planning Commission reviews the recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

*Board of Review:* The Board reviewed a Resolution to allow local residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review. It stated that the Board of Review shall receive letters of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests.

Reilly moved and Maze supported to adopt the Resolution to allow local residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review. Roll call vote: Maze-aye; Reilly-aye; Shanahan-aye; and Francis-aye. Carried.

*Trooper Victorian Presentation:* Francis stated that she will be contacting the surrounding area Police Departments to request that they fax to Lyndon Township their incident reports. The Township could keep them in a binder on display at the Township Board meetings for residents to review, and know what incidents are happenings in the surrounding area. Francis stated that she is working on a Township newsletter to mail out to residents, possibly in the spring. She would like to include articles from the Township Board members, possibly advertise another presentation by the State Police, or have a "Meet Your Local Troopers" night, and have other important informational articles within the newsletter. Francis stated that she would like to provide two or three newsletters per year, at different times, with important useful information for the residents.

*Ann Arbor News Request:* Lisa Allmendinger, of the Ann Arbor News sent Katie Francis an email, requesting to receive a Township Board Meeting packet prior to the Board meetings. The Board decided that Reilly should email her an agenda each month, and if Allmendinger wishes to attend the meeting, after seeing the agenda, she could contact Reilly to receive a packet from her.

*Conflict of Interest Issues:* Francis reported that she believes that if a person is an advocate for one organization at the Township, and also a voting member on another organization within the Township, that this can be perceived as biased. She also stated that, "If our goal as a Township Board is to be perceived as fair and impartial, and if we

wish to maintain our residents' trust, we must refrain from anything that gives the impression of being biased.

Reilly moved and Shanahan supported to table this issue until the February Board meeting. Roll call vote: Maze-aye; Reilly-aye; Shanahan-aye; and Francis-aye. Carried.

*Policies and Procedures:*

*Cancellations of meetings:* Reilly moved and Maze supported to table this issue until Noah prepares a form detailing cancellation procedures to present to the Planning Commission at a future meeting.

*Reports:*

*Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority:* Francis reported that they are working on future plans for expansion and the site plan.

*Chelsea Area Construction:* Francis reported that they have finalized the purchase of their new property, and should have ownership by mid February.

*Ordinance Officer's Report:* Mester reported one new house in December, two polebarns, two additions and one land transfer.

*Other Business:*

Francis presented an email from Pat Merkel, of Sylvan Township, who has organized a regional Inservice Training workshop. The tentative date is Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sylvan Township Hall. With Sylvan, Chelsea, Lima, Dexter, Lyndon, and Sharon joining together, the cost will be shared and reasonable. Francis will contact Pat Merkel to confirm the date, and Morrow will send out notices to all of the Township Board members on all of the Boards.

Maze stated that she would like to thank Deputy Ordinance Officer, Bob Mester for doing such a great job filling in for Merritt Honbaum for the last two months.

*Call to the Public:* N/A

*Adjournment:* Francis moved and Maze supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Morrow  
Office Manager