

APPROVED MINUTES
LYNDON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2006

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

Members Absent: MaryAnn Noah

Also Present: Merritt Honbaum, Ordinance Officer

Supervisor, MaryAnn Noah was not in attendance tonight, and Clerk, Linda Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Call to the Public: N/A

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda was adopted as presented.

Daryl Campbell: Daryl Campbell addressed the Board, introduced himself and explained that he is running for U.S. Congress 7th District, which includes Lyndon Township. He discussed his fourteen years of Police Work, and explained that his platform consists of security, education, structure, and integrity. He requested support from the Board and the residents, and remained in attendance until the end of the meeting to get signatures from supporters.

Fire Chief: New Chelsea Area Fire Authority Fire Chief, Jim Payeur addressed the Board. He reported that the Fire Authority budget has been approved, and they will be purchasing a new tanker which will be a great benefit and will double the water flow capabilities. He explained the Operating Millage which will take place in August 2006, that will help the municipalities with funding. He reported that his goal is to supply the best service and that the dollars will be spent the way they should be.

He stated that the Lyndon Township Board tonight is scheduled to vote on a Resolution regarding a Restructuring of the Funding Formula for Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

The Resolution is as follows: The Township of Lyndon agrees to amend the provisions of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Pre-Incorporation and Fire Administrative Board Agreement Section 3.4, paragraph (k) such that until a millage is passed, the Incorporating Municipalities agree to jointly fund and apportion costs of operations of the Authority in the same manner as described in the fire contracts in Exhibit E, except that during a fiscal year each municipality shall pay a proportion of the total annual budget based upon an average of the proportion of man-hours for service within that municipality for the previous five years, rather than only the previous year. Also, in March following the end of the fiscal year the proportion of the costs for the just

completed fiscal year shall be adjusted based upon the average of the previous five years including the just completed year. (See Attachment A)

Shanahan reported that there was a recent Chelsea Area Fire Authority meeting to present and discuss this resolution, in which other area Township Boards were present, and that she and other fellow Board members were not informed of it or invited. Shanahan stated that she was not informed of this resolution and it has not been explained to her or the other fellow Board members, and that she would feel better about voting on it if she had been invited to the meeting, or had received an explanation about the said resolution. Francis stated that the fact that they were not informed of the meeting or given an explanation of the resolution, and the fact that Fire Chief Jim Payeur was left having to explain it to the Board, was embarrassing, and unfortunate.

The Board agreed to table the item at the present time.

Lyndon Township Newsletter Review: Francis presented the front page of a newsletter she prepared for the Board to review. She stated that State Trooper Victorian is interested in coming to the Town Hall again to meet with the residents and answer questions. The Board felt that April might be a good month to schedule that meeting. She also reported that Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority will be hosting another Clean-Up Day in coordination with Washtenaw County this spring. These items will be added to the upcoming Township Newsletter.

Conflict of Interest: Reilly presented handouts from MTA regarding Conflict of Interest situations.

Francis stated that her main concern is a recent incident where Supervisor Noah attended a recent Planning Commission Public Hearing, and spoke as a representative of Multi Lakes Sewer Authority. Both Reilly and Francis stated that the appearance of the Supervisor before the body over which she has appointed powers is a conflict of interest. Reilly pointed this matter out in the presented MTA handouts. (See Attachment B)

Shanahan moved and Francis supported that due to conflict of interest, Supervisor Mary Ann Noah is not to represent Multi Lakes Sewer Authority at any of the Township Board meetings or Public Hearing, and instead, a technical engineer will represent the Multi Lakes Sewer Authority at any future Township Board Meetings or Public Hearings. Motion Carried.

Computer Network Update: Technical Support Person and Assessor, Greg Zamenski prepared a Computer Network updated list of needs for the Township computers including anti virus protection, spy ware, and other needs. (See Attachment C) Zamenski was not in attendance at the meeting. The Board tabled this item until Zamenski is in attendance at a future meeting to answer questions from the Board.

Wireless Washtenaw: This item was tabled at the present time.

Regional Annual In-service Training: Francis reported that the Regional Annual In-Service training workshop is scheduled for March 22, 2006 at Sylvan Township Hall. Francis presented a typed letter which she would like to have prepared onto the Township Letterhead stationary, and sent out to all of the Township Boards and Officials in the near future.

M52 and Waterloo Road Parking problem: Francis reported that parking is still a problem at the sledding hill at M52 and Waterloo Roads in the winter snowy weather. She stated that the State Police and the Washtenaw County Road Commission do not want to tow cars away from the location when people are having fun. Francis thought maybe a photo of the parking problem in the newspaper may get people's attention, or an article in an upcoming Township newsletter might help. The Board also decided to bring it up at an upcoming meeting they have with the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Planning Commission New Resolution: Shanahan stated that at a recent Planning Commission Public Hearing, they were "blind sided" and caught off guard by a particular person who attended that Hearing. Due to that incident, the Planning Commission prepared a resolution of Policies and Procedures for Special Land Use requests. Shanahan presented that resolution (See Attachment D), to the Board, for their information. Shanahan stated that this will help ensure timely, organized and efficient review of Special Land Use requests, so they won't get "blind sided" again in the future.

Polling Place Security: Reilly reported that the Township needs to have an alternate/back-up site (within Lyndon Township), in place for upcoming elections, in the case of emergency situations. Reilly requested the approval of the Board to contact The Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, on Lingane Road, and The Chelsea Free Methodist Church, on Werkner Road, to find out if they would be accepting of the idea. The Board approved.

Removal of Old Outdoor Bulletin Board: Reilly requested Board approval to have John Reilly remove and dispose of the old outdoor bulletin board, at no cost. The Board approved, and Francis stated that if there is a cost for John Reilly to dispose of it, the Township should reimburse him.

Policies and Procedures:

Internet use Policy: An Internet Use Policy was submitted by Noah. Reilly noted several words and phrases that would need changing.

Reilly moved and Shanahan supported to table this item until a future meeting when Technical Support person, Greg Zamenski is in attendance to answer questions and review the policy.

Reports:

WWRA: Francis reported that the last meeting was January 11, 2006. The budget for 2006 is not ready yet. The next meeting is February 22, 2006. There is nothing moving forward on building or construction at this time.

CACA: Francis reported that the new property they purchased has been rezoned and the closing is next Monday.

Police Liaison Report: Francis reported that Jeff Staebler, Chelsea Police Officer recommends that everybody should keep their cars locked at all times. There are a large number of car break-ins and thefts.

Other Business:

WCRC Meeting: Reilly reported that the Township Board needs to schedule and meet with the Washtenaw County Road Commission. The Board decided to plan the meeting for April 11, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lyndon Township Hall.

Call to the Public: State Representative Pam Byrnes was in attendance and addressed the Board. She presented a large number of "Citizen's Guides" and Michigan maps to be distributed to the public. She addressed her continual work on trying to have a traffic light placed at the intersection of M52 and Werkner Roads.

Damian Marzec addressed the Board stating his feelings regarding the "conflict of interest" issues the Board had discussed.

Ken Herrst addressed the Board reporting that at a recent fire on Sugarloaf Lake, too many fire trucks from several different areas showed up on scene. Herrst also questioned the recent BB gun shootings that broke windows and light fixtures at the Lyndon Town Hall. The Board informed the residents of the recent vandalism, that the Police have been on site, the Township is in communication with the Insurance Company, and they have been collecting quotes from glass companies for repair.

Mary Jane Maze thanked the Board for approving her (and Reilly and Noah) to attend the recent MTA Conference in Grand Rapids. She felt it was a great learning experience.

Adjournment: Francis moved and Shanahan supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Meeting was adjourned without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Morrow
Office Manager