

APPROVED MINUTES  
LYNDON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 9, 2005

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

Also Present: Merritt Honbaum, Ordinance Officer

Supervisor Noah called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

*Call to the Public:* Mr. Don White, Oakdale Drive, Chelsea, addressed the Board with the complaint that his realtor's signs are being taken down. He stated that he is here to repeal sections 15.08-15.18 in the Zoning Ordinance because he feels the wording is too vague, doesn't describe which types of signs and he feels that it is unconstitutional. He reported that he and his agent spoke to Merritt Honbaum within the past two months regarding this matter, and claims that he requested that Honbaum write him a citation, which he did not. Since then, more of his realtor's signs have been removed, and he has spoken to Honbaum and Supervisor Noah again asking them to write him a citation.

Several other residents in the audience addressed the Board, some of which are realtors, stating the need to put up directional arrow signs advertising houses for sale that are far down dirt roads.

Ken Nixon, from the Washtenaw County Road Commission addressed the Board and the audience, stating that no signs are to be placed in the road right of way, less than 33 feet from the center of a two lane road, or they are removed by the Road Commission. (See Exhibit A).

Noah read a memo from Steve Langworthy, Township Planner, which explains sections 15.14 C and F in the Zoning Ordinance, stating that the only permissible signs are those that are on the property that they are advertising, and not in the road right-of-way. (See Exhibit B). She stated that this has been the law since 1973.

Ken Hurst addressed the Board stating that when the contractors put in his grinder pump they split his hand-hewn beam down the middle. Noah stated that she will report this to the contractors in writing and request restitution.

Close Public Comment

*Consent Agenda:* Reilly moved and Shanahan supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

*State Police Report:* Sargeant John Sosa reported that they are investigating four breaking and enterings, there were six traffic accidents, and ten suspicious incidents in the past month. He discussed with the Board and the audience the need for banding

together to help watch out for each other and each other's property, and the possibility of forming a Neighborhood Community Watch. He stated he would get the Township some more information on that subject.

*Fall Clean-Up:* Noah reported that the Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday September 24, 2005 at Jim Kalmbach's residence, from 8:00-12:00 noon. The Board decided that this year they will accept 5 passenger tires for free and charge for each additional. Noah stated that the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Lady's Auxillary will sell coffee, donuts, and bottled water there as a fund raiser. A flier will be made up and sent out to residents within the next few weeks.

*Sewer Use Ordinance:* Noah presented a Sewer Use Ordinance to the Board. Francis moved and Shanahan supported to offer a resolution to accept the Lyndon Township Sewer Use Ordinance for the Sewer District of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority. Roll call vote: Noah-aye; Reilly-aye; Maze-aye; Shanahan-aye; and Francis-aye; Carried.

*Township Hall Maintenance:* The Board reviewed samples and a quote from Dexter Floor Store for flooring to be laid at the landing and steps at the side entrance of the Town Hall. The Board decided to get additional quotes from Dexter Floor Store on other types of flooring, and is also waiting for a quote from another company as well.

*Outdoor Bulletin Board:* Shanahan moved and Francis supported to table this item until next month when they have more information.

*Policies and Procedures:* Shanahan reported that the Planning Commission would like the Township Board to work on a policy or procedure for handling cancellations of Public Hearings, when they are cancelled at the petitioner's request. Shanahan stated that the Planning Commission would like to see the petitioner put their request for cancellation in writing including the reason, and would like to see this cancellation procedure added onto the application permanently. Noah offered to work on writing up a procedure and will bring it to next month's meeting.

*Reports-By Board Appointed Attendees:*

*CACA:* Francis reported that they will be meeting tomorrow.

*WWRA:* Francis presented informational fliers for a Clean-up Day, and a Home Products Collection Program for Seniors.

*Planning Commission:* Shanahan reported that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for September 8, 2005, for the Proposed Revised Zoning Ordinance Draft, with the hopes that the Zoning Map will be done by that date.

*CAFA:* Noah reported that they are still reviewing resumes for the new Fire Chief position. Last Friday was the due date for proposals from architects.

*Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority:* Noah reported that they are continuing to work on plant upgrades.

*Ordinance Officer's Report:* Honbaum reported that he issued five zoning permits, three non-footprint zoning permits, two land divisions, and one private road variance in July.

*Adjournment:* Francis moved and Shanahan supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Meeting was adjourned without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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