

APPROVED MINUTES
LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2006

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

Supervisor Noah called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Call to the Public: Washtenaw County Commissioner, Mark Ouimet addressed the Board to discuss Road Patrol, Space Planning and the need for Jail Expansion.

Consent Agenda: Adopted as presented.

Calling of Bonds: Noah presented a memo dated June 29, 2006 from Dan Myers, Washtenaw County, stating that Lyndon Township cannot call the bonds until May 2011. (See Attachment A)

Fall Clean Up: Morrow reported the Fall Clean Up date as September 30, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Lyndon Township still does not have a signed participation commitment from Dexter Township. The Board will schedule workers and times at the September Board meeting.

Town Hall Windows: Noah presented new quotes for window replacement. Maze moved and Reilly supported to hire Wallside Windows for total window replacement of both upstairs and downstairs windows for \$5,520.00. Roll call vote: Noah-aye; Reilly-aye; Maze-aye, Shanahan-opposed, and Francis-opposed. Carried.

Heating and Cooling Ventilation System: Noah reported the results of the Townhall basement radon tests and the fact that the results were high, at numbers 14 and 16. Noah met with Bruce Connell of Chelsea Area Construction who stated that fresh air mitigation, such as a ventilation system may reduce the radon in the basement considerably. Also, Noah stated that it is code to have fresh air coming into the building. Noah stated that Connell will write an RFP to size accordingly with the occupancy load of the building. After a ventilation system is installed, the Township can retest for radon levels. One step will be taken at a time.

Refrigerator replacement: Noah presented quotes for a new refrigerator. Shanahan moved and Francis supported to purchase the 16.5' refrigerator from Lowes for 428.00. Roll call vote: Noah-aye; Reilly-aye, Maze-aye; Shanahan-aye; Francis-aye. Carried.

Board of Review Alternate member: Noah reported that Paul Dunn has volunteered.

Francis moved and Shanahan supported to appoint Paul Dunn as an alternate member for the Board of Review. Carried.

Lawsuit -CACA and Townships: Francis reported that the Attorney Fred Lucas does not want discussion of the lawsuit at the Township Board meetings. Francis distributed Mr. Lucas' business cards to the Board Members stating that they may contact him if they have questions regarding the lawsuit.

Pending Litigation: Noah reported that there is a new lawsuit regarding a Zoning Board of Appeals decision.

ADA Accessibility Updates: Reilly presented bids for repairs to the building to make it ADA compliant.

Francis requested that the described "swing wrought iron gate" be changed to a wood gate. Reilly will check on this.

Francis moved and Reilly supported to hire Dalton Construction for ADA compliant repairs to the Township Hall. (See Attachment B)

Roll call vote: Noah-aye; Reilly-aye; Maze-aye; Francis-aye; and Shanahan-aye. Carried.

SOS-Constitutional Amendment: Noah presented a ballot proposal arriving for the November election. Noah stated that this proposal would have a disastrous effect if it passed, as it did in a Colorado town. (See attachment C) Noah spoke to City of Chelsea Manager Mike Steklac, and they will be looking at ways to inform the public this fall.

MTA Enbridge Pipeline- Tax Tribunal Legal Defense Contribution:

(See Attachment D) Noah presented paperwork from MTA and an invoice for \$3,099.84. Noah asked the Board if they were comfortable with her requesting financial assistance for Lyndon's portion of the test case costs from the entities that levy taxes against the Enbridge assessment. The Board was in agreement.

Resolution to appoint Ordinance Enforcement Officer for Multi Lakes Sewer Use and Sewage Disposal Ordinance:

Noah presented this resolution.

Shanahan moved and Reilly supported to adopt the resolution to appoint the Multi Lakes Water and Sewer Authority Superintendent and Executive Director as the Enforcement Officer for the purpose of enforcing the Lyndon Township Sewer Ordinance.

Roll call vote: Noah-aye; Reilly-aye; Francis-aye; Shanahan-aye and Maze-aye. Carried.

Extension to PROV:

Kevin McLaughlin, 1403 Sugarloaf Lake Rd, Chelsea, MI submitted a letter asking for a six month extension to his Private Road Variance.

Ordinance Officer Merritt Honbaum, who is not in attendance tonight, submitted a letter to the Board stating that brushing is needed at the intersection of Sugarloaf Lane and Waterloo Road, weeds need to be cut at the west side of the road and around the stop sign

on the East side of the road. He states that if these improvements are made he would approve the time extension. (See Attachments E and F)

Francis moved and Maze supported to approve the six month time extension to the Private Road Variance for Kevin McLaughlin, 1403 Sugarloaf Lake Rd., Chelsea, MI, based on the condition that the recommendations made by Merritt Honbaum's letter are completed. Carried.

Nationwide Retirement Deferred Compensation:

Noah suggested that the Board schedule some representatives from companies that set up retirement accounts, and have them speak at a future Board meeting.

Shanahan mentioned that Diane from Edward Jones might be a good choice to have speak at a future meeting.

There is an upcoming Private Road Variance Meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of having her come at that time.

Bruin Lake Shores Drive Conditionally Approved Private Road Status:

Francis moved and Shanahan supported to table this item until the Board meets for the next Private Road Variance Meeting, at which time they will have more information.

Carried.

Policies and Procedures:

Meeting Cancellation Policy: Noah moved and Reilly supported to table this item until the Planning Commission reviews it.

Service, Maintenance and Repairs Policy: Francis presented this policy (see Attachment G). Francis moved and Reilly supported to adopt this Service, Maintenance, and Repairs Policy with the addition of the word "major" before the word "service" in the first sentence. Carried.

Reports:

WWRA: Francis reported that they had a work session last night, and also the board was told of the new manager that has been hired. There was a discussion on employee salary increases.

CACA: Francis reported that the Board met this week for their audit review. CACA is very frugal and has a strong balance sheet. They also had a visit from Wireless Washtenaw.

CAFA: Noah reported that they are getting ready for the Chelsea Fair Parade. Noah and Reilly swore in Lyndon's At-Large member Greg Williams.

Leoni Sewer Authority: Noah reported that they feel they are not receiving adequate maintenance on infrastructure service based on what they are paying for.

Other Business:

Noah reported that there is a lot of dead wood in the trees that is falling down along

the roads. The Emerald Ash Borer is killing the Ash trees which causes the dead wood to fall. She warned people to beware of it and call the Road Commission if they have a problem with this.

Shanahan addressed the Board with possible suggestions regarding a different polling site at election times, particularly November elections, especially the Presidential election. Shanahan feels that it is unsafe for people coming to vote, who end up having to park along North Territorial Road, especially when it is dark outside. The renting of the tents and the reconstruction of the building to make it ADA compliant is costly.

Shanahan requested that the Board think about asking the Free Methodist Church on Werkner Road if we could hold the elections there. The parking is suitable there, they are handicap accessible, and a tent wouldn't need to be rented. It is a much larger site for all of the people and parking needs.

Reilly stated that she has thought of that idea, but the Church is up for sale at this time.

Shanahan suggested that maybe the Township should look into purchasing the Free Methodist Church property and selling the vacant land they own on M-52.

Reilly stated she will look into different polling sites, such as the Free Methodist Church and The Chelsea Rod and Gun Club and report back.

Francis reported that she is offended that she can no longer have her personal opinions and comments reflected in the minutes.

Reilly stated the Clerk is responsible for the minutes and that if there is a comment or opinion that Francis deems necessary to be in the minutes, there can be a Board vote.

Call to the Public:

Democratic Candidate for Washtenaw County Commissioner, Frank Groehnert states that he is looking forward to November.

The Board scheduled a Private Variance Meeting, along with the Bruin Lake Shores Conditionally Approved Private Road Status item, and a possible speaker from Edward Jones for September 13, 2006 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Morrow
Office Manager