

Lyndon Township
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118
Tuesday, October 9, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: MaryAnn Noah, Linda Reilly, LeeAnn Shanahan, Katie Francis

Members Absent: Mary Jane Maze

Also Present: Merritt Honbaum

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: The consent agenda was adopted as presented. Francis motioned, supported by Shanahan, to permit Reilly to pay Superior Sanitation from an invoice received just prior to the meeting. **Carried 4-0.**

Supervisor's Report: Noah reported she continues to have discussions with residents of several lakes regarding the Lake Weed Management Program recently held at Sylvan Township. As a result, Dr. Pullman has done assessments of Ellsworth Island, Wild Goose Lake, reassessed Joslin Lake, and is processing that information. The first of two public hearings for North Lake will be held next Monday at Dexter Township Hall for both Lyndon and Dexter Townships.

Noah, Maze, and Reilly attended the MTA Legislative Seminar in Ann Arbor where much of the discussion was on the state budget and the ability of townships to be able to carry on in the future.

Noah reported on the MTA Supervisor's Workshop she attended in Frankenmuth last week. Again, the main focus was on the state's budget crisis and how it will affect local governments.

Noah discussed meetings with Consumers Energy with regard to Lyndon Township's power outages and learned that plans to correct the problems will not be immediate.

Herrst/Cane Property Collapse: Mr. Grohnert reported the insurance company defending the lawsuit started by the township against Herrst is proceeding exceedingly slow. Grohnert stated Herrst is getting an estimate from an engineer out of Kalamazoo tomorrow. Grohnert stated Herrst is looking for a third party way to put pressure on the insurance company and asked for continued patience in this matter. Grohnert reported he has talked with Flintoft who is trying to set up a meeting with the insurance company's attorney.

Noah reported she contacted the Road Commission in an attempt to get their attorney to meet with the attorney from AAA, but has received no response. Noah provided handouts from SME and Lee Farhner on the estimated cost to construct an engineered retaining wall. Noah reiterated that the township's ordinance officer must approve any potential plan.

Broadband Access: Noah reported on her participation at the Northern Michigan Broadband Summit and found it to be very worthwhile, helpful, and has reported her findings to the county.

Fall Clean Up Update: Noah reported the fall clean up was well attended. Attendees were polled and wish to have the fall clean up continue, even though it is paid for with tax dollars from the township. Reilly will put together data to split the cost three-ways with Lyndon, Dexter, and Sylvan.

Annex Building Update: Quotes were received from only one company with regard to reinforcing the roof of the annex building. Noah was contacted by a company with a free publication that will put out our request to contractors.

Francis handed out information pertaining to the building permit of the temporary office (annex building) for discussion at next month's meeting.

Dangerous Bldg Board of Appeals – Appointments: Francis motioned, supported by Shanahan, to appoint Leon Case as a regular representative to the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals (previously an alternate) and appoint Mark T. Brennan as the new alternate. **Carried 4-0.**

Planning Commission – Appointments: John Reilly expressed interest in reappointment to the Planning Commission for another term. LeeAnn Shanahan wishes not to be reappointed when her term expires in November. Therefore, Noah motioned, supported by Shanahan, to reappoint John Reilly and nominated Mary Jane Maze as the Board's representative to the Planning Commission, effective December '07. **Carried 4-0.**

Zoning Board of Appeals: Noah motioned, supported by Shanahan, to approve moving the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting set for January 15, 2008 to January 22, 2008, due to the presidential primary. **Carried 4-0.**

Tom Shanahan requested not to be reappointed for another term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board agreed to place notices in both local papers seeking interested individuals to sit on the ZBA.

Policies & Procedures: Noah motioned, supported by Francis to establish Lyndon Township policy that in order for a member of the Board, Planning Commission, ZBA, etc., to receive mileage reimbursement for site visits, the member must attend the public hearing in order to be compensated. **Carried 4-0.**

Police Report: Report by Francis for the period of 9/1/07 through 9/26/07.

Reports:

- **CAFA:** Report by Noah.
- **Multi-Lakes Sewer:** Report by Noah.
- **Leoni Sewer:** No meeting.
- **Sylvan Sewer:** Report by Noah.
- **CACA:** No meeting.
- **WWRA:** Report by Francis. Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority has a new website at www.wwrarecycles.org. A link will be put on Lyndon Township's website connecting to this website.
- **Ordinance Officer:** Honbaum reported permits were issued for one garage and two additions.

Other Business: Francis was assured that web training through the county is still permitted.

Public Comment: None

Francis motioned, supported by Shanahan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Petrie
Office Manager