

Lyndon Township
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118
Tuesday, November 13, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: MaryAnn Noah, Linda Reilly, Katie Francis, Mary Jane Maze

Members Absent: LeeAnn Shanahan,

Also Present: Merritt Honbaum

Call to Order: Noah called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: None

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was adopted as presented.

Assessor's Contract: Greg Zamenski, Assessor, asked for clarification of his contract with Lyndon Township (7/1/07 through 6/30/10) and requested a cost-of-living adjustment for years two and three. The Board agreed with the request and will establish the increase based on the rate of inflation (CPI) at the beginning of each budget year, payable at each anniversary of the contract.

Zamenski commented on the state's 14-point review system and other issues that could possibly impact property tax revenue in the future.

Supervisor's Report: Noah reported on the Board of Public Works special hearings regarding the North Lake special assessment project for lake weed control.

Noah attended the Chief Elected Officials meeting and reported on the difficult challenge the county has in providing services with the drop in state troopers as a result of under funding and rising costs.

Noah reported Dr. Pullman has completed his assessments on various lakes noting each lake has unique characteristics and problems requiring the application of different chemicals/treatments. Lake residents will be contacted with anticipated costs for an assessment and can then circulate petitions.

20/20 Communications has pushed off the Wireless Washtenaw project in Lyndon Township until Spring '08. Noah continues to explore AT&T for DSL and has finally located a contact person to assist in pursuing an alternative.

Herrst/Cane Property Collapse: Herrst reported there was a meeting today with Noah, Honbaum, Flintoft, attorneys representing AAA, Cumins & Barnard, and the Washtenaw County Road Commission in attendance. Noah stated the WCRC attorney was looking at triple damages and has concerns of continued damage to the road. Herrst stated the AAA attorneys plan to go back and reassess the entire situation from the beginning.

Sylvan Township Water & Sewer Use Regulations: Board members reviewed and discussed the amended set of Rules & Regulations for both sanitary sewer and water usage under the Sylvan Sewer Authority, paying special attention to changes, new definitions, and deletions.

Noah offered a Resolution, supported by Francis, affirming the changes to the Sylvan Township Sewer Authority Rules & Regulations for both water and sewer use. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – aye; Noah – aye; Reilly – aye; Maze – aye. Carried 4-0.**

ZBA Applications to the Board: Noah stated that Mark Brennan, recently designated as an alternate on the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals, expressed his desire to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Noah, with 11 years of zoning training, offered herself as a delegate to the ZBA sharing concerns that feedback from the ZBA to the Board is crucial.

Noah offered a motion, supported by Maze, to nominate herself to fill the vacancy on the ZBA. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – nay; Reilly – aye; Maze – aye; Noah – aye. Carried 3-1.**

Maze motioned, supported by Reilly, to offer the position of second alternate on the ZBA to Mark Brennan. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – nay; Reilly – aye; Maze – aye; Noah – aye. Carried 3-1.**

Township Hall and Annex: To facilitate in making the Annex building to the Lyndon Township Hall a permanent structure, Francis motioned, supported by Reilly, to appropriate funds for the application fee to the County Health Department and Bollinger for drain field inspections. **Carried 4-0.**

Amend Multi-Lakes Sewer Service Area: A Resolution was offered by Noah, supported by Francis, to amend the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority sewer service district to include a newly created 1.3 acre parcel on Island Lake (*Tax ID# E05-23-200-026*). **Roll Call Vote: Francis – aye; Noah – aye; Reilly – aye; Maze – aye. Carried 4-0.**

Policies & Procedures: A Resolution was offered by Maze, supported by Reilly, to require two signatures on all checks from the Lyndon Township Tax Account; therefore, having the same checks and balances for disbursement on all Lyndon Township accounts. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – aye; Noah – aye; Reilly – aye; Maze – aye. Carried 4-0.**

Police Report: No report.

Reports:

- *CAFA:* Report by Noah
- *Multi-Lakes Sewer:* Report by Noah
- *Leoni Sewer:* Report by Noah
- *Sylvan Sewer:* Report by Noah
- *CACA:* Report by Francis
- *WWRA:* Report by Francis. Francis will report back to WWRA with the Board's concerns regarding their check signing policy.
- *Ordinance Officer:* Honbaum reported two land divisions were approved, three zoning permits were issued, and two non-footprint permits were issued in the last month. There is an upcoming ZBA meeting dealing with two set back issues and a Private Road Variance meeting will be scheduled. The Dangerous Building Board of Appeals (DBBA) has facilitated in getting one dilapidated barn torn down and is looking at a second barn.

Other Business: Francis reported CACA would meet one week earlier in December. The public hearing for the Private Road Variance was set for Dec. 3, 2007 @ 7 PM. Reilly requested timesheets be submitted by November 21.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from one person.

Adjournment: Francis motioned, supported by Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Petrie, Office Manager