

**Lyndon Township
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 @ 7:00 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Merritt Honbaum, Ordinance Officer, Robert Mester, Deputy Ordinance Officer

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: Adopted as presented.

Police Report: Francis reported State Police responded to 25 calls in January 2008. Under Sheriff Herb Mahoney, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, provided an update on police service in Washtenaw County. Mahoney reported the Sheriff's Department received county general fund resources needed to fill 12 positions (non-back fill) to provide backup, primary response, and support to those who do not use contracted police officers. Some positions were filled in January and those currently in training will be deployed by the end of June.

Herrst/Cane Property Collapse: Herrst reported engineered drawings for a new retaining wall are expected within the next few weeks.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes: Francis moved, supported by Maze, to approve minutes from the Closed Session meeting of 1/8/08. **Carried 4-0.** Shanahan abstained, as she was not present at that meeting.

Shanahan moved, supported by Reilly, to approve minutes from the Closed Session meeting of 1/22/08. **Carried 5-0.**

Supervisor's Report: Noah and Board of Review members attended MTA advanced training in Ann Arbor in preparation of the upcoming March Board of Review. Noah reported three letters would be mailed to residents along with the *Notice of Assessed Value* covering such topics as falling prices and property tax values, how the assessor arrives at values, and new information on uncapping under joint tenancy.

Noah reported the Washtenaw County Task Force is trying to come up with ways to regionalize some services that could possibly provide a cost savings to residents.

Broadband: Members reviewed verbiage for a proposed postcard for mailing to residents directing them to look at the township website, which will provide information/comparisons on alternative high-speed Internet services available in this area.

Appointment of Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Representative: Francis moved, supported by Reilly, to appoint the following representatives and alternates to the Multi-Lakes Water & Sewer Authority beginning on January 1, 2008, and expiring according to the term limits as required by the Articles of Incorporation of Multi-Lakes. **Carried 5-0.**

Representatives: Maryann Noah, Michael Gross

Alternates: Mary Jane Maze, Linda Reilly

WWRA Meeting Dates/Location: Updated schedule for 2008 WWRA meetings was handed out.

2008 Board of Review Poverty/Hardship Guidelines: Noah offered a Resolution asking the Board to consider leaving the dollar amount open for the State Equalized Value (SEV) a *primary* residence owner cannot exceed, as listed in the Lyndon Township Board of Review Guidelines for Hardship Exemptions. Noah and Board members discussed this decision based on a suggestion from the Equalization Director of Jackson County. Francis moved, seconded by Reilly, to support the Resolution offered by Noah in leaving the dollar amount open, with no upper level on SEV for a *primary* residence in the 2008 Lyndon Township Board of Review Guidelines for Hardship Exemptions. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – aye; Shanahan – aye; Maze – aye; Noah – aye; Reilly – aye. Carried 5-0.**

Board of Review – Appeals in Writing: To ensure all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the Board of Review, Noah offered a Resolution, supported by Maze, that the Board of Review accept letters of protest from Lyndon taxpayers regarding valuations from the first Tuesday in March (3/4/08), until it adjourns from the public hearings (3/11/08), for which it meets to hear such protests. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – aye; Shanahan – aye; Maze – aye; Reilly – aye; Noah – aye. Carried 5-0.**

Michigan Social Security Number Privacy Act: Reilly moved, supported by Francis, to make changes to the list of township officials and employees who have access to Social Security numbers by removing Carol Morrow and adding Roxanne Petrie for *Passports*, and removing Stewart Robinovitz with David Cooper as *Computer Consultant*. Robinovitz continues to work as the website facilitator. **Carried 5-0.**

Alternate Representatives Appointment: Authority/Agency appointments approved at the December 2007 Board meeting were handed out for information.

Wind Turbines: Reilly moved, supported by Francis, that the sample Wind Energy Facilities ordinance provided by Sylvan Township and other information on residential wind turbines, be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and consideration as an amendment to the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance. **Carried 5-0.**

Broadband for Lyndon Township Hall: Reilly moved, supported by Maze, to approve the expenditure, not to exceed \$600, for the initial purchase and set up for wireless broadband for the Lyndon Township Hall through Sprint/Nextel. **Carried 5-0.**

Resolution - No Reason Absentee Voting: Reilly offered a Resolution for *No Reason Absentee Voting* stating that every opportunity should be provided to encourage voter participation and that many residents are unable to vote due to twelve-hour shifts, etc., and do not qualify for regular absentee ballot voting. Reilly moved, seconded by Shanahan, to support the Resolution for *No Reason Absentee Voting*. **Roll Call Vote: Francis – aye; Shanahan – aye; Maze – aye; Noah – aye; Reilly – aye. Carried 5-0.** Reilly will forward the Board's decision to state legislators in support of HB 4048 and HB 4134 to help accomplish the objectives mentioned above.

Policies & Procedures: None

Reports:

- CAPT/DART: Noah suggested merging CAPT with DART and coming up with a name more representative of the enlarged group and suggested rewriting the Regional Plan, which is five years old and does not currently include the Village of Dexter. Noah would like to engage the Planning Commissions of each member municipality to seek their input in the creation of a new product.
- 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: No report available.

- *Ordinance Officer's Report:* Merritt reported there was one land transfer, one stop work order, and one zoning ordinance violation issued in the last month.

Other Business: None

Call to the Public: None

Adjournment: Francis moved, supported by Reilly, to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Petrie
Office Manager