

APPROVED MINUTES  
LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
February 13, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: MaryAnn Noah, Linda Reilly, Mary Jane Maze,  
Kathryn Francis and LeeAnn Shanahan

ALSO PRESENT: Merritt Honbaum, Ordinance Officer

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

*Call to the Public:* Larry Bahm, of 298 Island Lake Road, requested answers from Noah regarding Wireless Washtenaw high speed internet and the pilot programs, sewer service and assessment and cost, phone lines, cell towers in the area and tornado sirens.

Noah provided answers to Bahm's questions.

Fire Chief, Jim Payeur provided answers regarding the tornado sirens.

Gary Gillespie, of 137 Island Lake Road requested answers to questions regarding the sewers and taxes.

Noah explained the sewer assessment and tax process.

Fire Chief, Jim Payeur addressed the Board, wanting to get the message out to all the local municipalities regarding response time of HVA ambulance versus the Fire Authority. The Fire Authority vehicles are arriving at local emergencies one half hour prior to the HVA ambulance. At this point the Fire Authority is only allowed to keep the critical care patients stable until the ambulance arrives. The Fire Authority plans on exploring new ideas and receiving valid input on different ways to handle this situation, and coming up with a better solution in the near future.

*Consent Agenda:* There was Board discussion and disagreement of reimbursement for meetings.

Maze requested a payment to Peter Flintoft be held from the General Fund.

Shanahan questioned clarification of several checks written and also mileage.

Consent Agenda was adopted as presented.

*Township Planning Consultant:* Noah moved and Francis supported to hire John Enos as the new Lyndon Township Planning Consultant.

Shanahan stated that other potential planners should be interviewed as well before choosing one.

Motion was withdrawn.

Noah stated that other potential planners will be interviewed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

*Regional Workshop:* Francis reported that Pat Merkel, of Sylvan Township has scheduled a Regional Workshop on March 21, 2007 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Francis moved and Noah supported for Lyndon Township to commit to attending the March 21st Regional Workshop at Sylvan Townhall. Carried. The Board expressed interest in topics such as Site Plan Reviews, and PUD's. Honbaum also expressed interest in Redivision of the Land Division Act.

*Multi-Lakes Budget:* Noah presented the 2007-2008 Multi-Lakes budget for the board to review.

*Wireless Washtenaw:* Noah presented an email from William Lockwood regarding the Wireless Washtenaw program. Noah asked the Board to bring forward any ideas regarding assets that we can identify that may be a possibility for an antenna. Shanahan stated that Marty Ehman, of the North Lake Store would be interested in placing one there. Noah suggested the possibility of the Farnsworth Road area, as there are silos in that area, and also the Lyndon Township Hall as a possibility.

*Office Manager Position:* Noah announced Morrow's letter of resignation as Office Manager, and an ad was placed in the newspaper for a replacement.

*DTE Energy:* Noah reported that she is investigating Charles Snyder's question from last month regarding the DTE surcharge on his bill. Noah stated that no surcharges have been charged in Lyndon Township since 1998. Noah will report again next month.

*Chelsea Area Construction Agency Soil Erosion:* Francis reported that due to a poor audit, personnel issues, and financial situations, Chelsea Area Construction Agency has decided not to handle the soil erosion permits at their office. Soil Erosion permits will still be able to processed at the Zeeb Road office through the County, as they were done in the past. Francis stated that it reluctantly was a Board decision to give it back to the County.

Noah questioned this decision. Disagreements arose between Francis and Noah on this subject. Francis suggested that Noah contact Dick Mickula from the DEQ, and Terry Wesner of Lima Township.

*Washtenaw County Road Commission Resolution:* Noah moved and Reilly supported to adopt a resolution for the Washtenaw County Road Commission to Expand from 3 - 5 members. Roll call vote: Noah-aye; Reilly-aye; Maze-aye; Shanahan- undecided, and Francis-aye. Carried.

*North Lake Weed Control- Special Assessment:* Noah moved and Reilly supported to table this item. Carried.

*Budget Meeting Workshop:* The Board scheduled a Budget Meeting Workshop for Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

*Police Report:* Francis stated that she volunteered to be the Police liaison for the Township. She reported that a State Trooper will be attending the Township meetings quarterly to report.

She has also asked the Police Chief in Waterloo to send reports.

Francis reported that in the past month there were 10 crashes, 1 death investigation, home invasion, 4 suspicious incidents, and 1 conservation officer call.

*Policies and Procedures:*

*Travel Reimbursement:* Noah requested tabling this item for further clarification.

*Workshop/Conference Reimbursement/ Other Reimbursement:*

Disagreements arose between Board members regarding reimbursement for different types of Township business, and business- related time spent on different authorities. Additional time will need to be spent investigating the proper way to handle the reimbursement process for these items. Also, possible re-wording of a motion made at a Township Board meeting on February 8, 2005. Shanahan requested tabling this item.

*Ordinance Officer's Report:* Honbaum reported one zoning permit for a deck and one for a roof. He also reported that Nextel has placed their building across the street and is making progress on the tower.

*Other Business:* Maze reported that tomorrow is the last day to pay taxes without a penalty.

*Adjournment:* Maze moved and Reilly supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Morrow  
Office Manager