

Lyndon Township  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

**Members Present:** MaryAnn Noah, Linda Reilly, MaryJane Maze, LeeAnn Shanahan, Kathryn Francis

**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:** Public comment was heard from one person.

**Consent Agenda:** Approved as Presented. Francis requested clarification on a continuing payment to ProvideNet for \$14.95 stating she contacted ProvideNet who said the dial-up service could be canceled at anytime. Reilly reported if ProvideNet is canceled prematurely, the Township website and email services would go down. Reilly stated she would contact ProvideNet and Dave Cooper to clear up this situation asap. Noah asked to get the information in writing from David Cooper.

**State Police Report:** Francis reported calls for service dropped to 24 during the month of August.

**Pat Hanniford:** Pat Hanniford, CPA, presented a summary of the township's March 31, 2008 audit. Hanniford stated Lyndon was given an 'unqualified opinion' rating, the highest that could be given. Hanniford reported the township had an excellent year improving in all areas and is in excellent financial condition. Hanniford added that audit reports are available online for public inspection at the Michigan Department of Treasury website.

**Anya Dale/LIAA Grant:** Anya Dale, Washtenaw County Planning, gave the Board an overview of the CAPT/DART proposal to LIAA grant (Land Information Access Association). LIAA would provide analysis of potential growth patterns in the Chelsea-Dexter area and help the communities prioritize the best way to address future needs, i.e. transportation planning, emergency services provisions, etc. Anya stated they have 6 of 8 resolutions, enough to go forward, but are waiting for Lyndon and Webster townships. Anya added this was a "first steps" grant for @ \$200, which would provide an action plan.

Leon Moore, Planning Commission Chair, stated this is a minor amount of money for this worthy seed project and reported the Planning Commission will more than likely find favor in it at their next meeting.

Noah moved, supported by Shanahan, to go forward with the LIAA grant process contingent upon the discussion of the Planning Commission meeting on 9/11/08. CARRIED 5-0.

**Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance:** Greg Meyer, Consumers Energy, provided information relating to the nine Consumers Energy customers on Max Drive near Half Moon Lake and requested renewal of a 30-year old gas franchise. Noah moved, supported by Shanahan, to turn the information over to legal counsel for review prior to approval. CARRIED 5-0.

**Fence Ordinance – Ann Ray:** Ann Ray brought to the attention of the Board, a violation of the Fence Ordinance (3.11) and the failure of ordinance officer, Merritt Honbaum, to enforce the ordinance as written by not having neighbor, Paul Lammers, remove his 20-foot fence type structure. Pictures were shared and described by Noah. Honbaum stated both Ray and Lammers are in violation of the fencing ordinance; however, no citations were issued considering the unpleasant history between the two neighbors. Honbaum stated he plans to recommend a change to the ordinance once the Planning Commission completes the Master Plan, adding there are varying degrees of interpretation. Noah stated the Zoning Board of Appeals is charged with interpretation of the ordinance.

Noah moved, supported by Shanahan, at the request from the Board, to ask the ZBA to convene to make a full interpretation of the fence ordinance. Discussion. CARRIED 4-1, with opposition by Francis.

***Sprint/Nextel Tower:*** Francis requested update. Noah commented on most recent communications and stated Lyndon is not a party in the case of Mifsud vs. Charter at the present time and that the Special Land Use permit still stands. Francis questioned if a Certificate of Occupancy was in place, which Honbaum answered the final inspection was performed by CACA.

***Joslin Lake Improvement Programs:*** Noah discussed the initiating resolution with respect to a lake improvement project at Joslin Lake. Property owners at Joslin Lake circulated a petition for a lake weed management program and presented their results to the Board having received 55.14% in favor of asking the Township Board to ask the Board of Public Works to go forward with the lake improvement project to be paid for by special assessment. Dr. Pullman's report revealed 40% of the lake was infested with three species of invasive weeds and property owners would like to see the application of necessary chemicals started quickly. The cost for lakefront owners is approximately \$629/year with considerably less cost for property owners with just lake access.

Noah moved, supported by Maze, to approve the initiating resolution and to ask the Board of Public Works to go forward with the lake improvement project for Joslin Lake to be paid for by special assessment. ROLL CALL VOTE: Francis – aye; Shanahan – aye; Noah – aye; Maze – aye; Reilly – aye. CARRIED.

***Office Manager Applications:*** Board members discussed applications and agreed to interview the proposed top three applicants.

***Policies & Procedures:*** None

***Reports:***

- Supervisor's Report: Report by Noah.
- CAPT/DART – Report by Noah.
- CAFA – Report by Noah.
- Multi-Lakes – No meeting/report.
- Leoni Sewer – Report by Noah.
- Sylvan Sewer – Report by Noah.
- CACA – No meeting/report.
- WWRA – Report by Francis.
- Planning Commission – Working on Master Plan maps.
- Ordinance Officer's Report –

***Other Business:*** None

***Call to the Public:*** Public comment was heard from one person.

***Adjournment:*** Francis moved, supported by Reilly, to adjourn at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Petrie  
Office Manager