

September 14, 2009

LAPEER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Lapeer Township Offices and Community Building
1500 Morris Road, Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, Michigan

BOARD PRESENT: Clerk Dawn Walker, Supervisor Scott Jarvis, Treasurer Lori Ann Taylor, Trustees John Rutzen and Bill Blaine.

OTHERS PRESENT: Leonard Lumley, resident
Lenny Schneider, resident and County Commissioner, district 4
Patricia Lucas, Lapeer Development Corporation, representing Kamax LP
Tom Atkins, 1194 Roods Lake Rd., representing Kamax, LP
Connie Lipka, Lapeer Township Assessor
Emily Caswell, representing LAView and County Press newspapers

Supervisor Jarvis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: **MOVED** by Blaine, support by Rutzen to approve the agenda with removal of the Competitive Bid Policy and an addition of MMTA conference. By unanimous consent the agenda was accepted.

General correspondence for review:
Police Statistics for August 2009
Fire Report for August 2009
Reports from GLTA

Brief discussion took place on the various topics from above.

PUBLIC TIME: Lenny Schneider addressed the board on behalf of the board of commissioners. Topics discussed included the County Budget, Park and Recreation at a County level and Central Dispatch in regards of the E-9-1-1 millage proposal on the November 3rd election, noting that millage information is available at LapeerCounty911.org.

Trustee Blaine asked if the road commission could be called on the condition of the gravel roads after the heavy storms realizing that they have had a lot of extra work to do.

AGENDA:

M-092-09: The minutes of the August 10, 2009 regular board meeting were presented for approval.

MOVED by Rutzen, support by Blaine to approve the August 10, 2009 regular board minutes with corrections. A vote was taken. Yes: All (5). **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURERS

REPORT: It was suggested to forego the Treasurers' report for the month of August and to have the Treasurer report for August and September at the next board meeting.

CLERKS

REPORTS: Clerk Walker presented the following:

- Vouchers presented from August 16th thru September 15th, including payroll from September 8th for total voucher payments in the amount of \$91,309.50.

PAYMENT OF

VOUCHERS: **MOVED** by Rutzen, support by Taylor to approve payment of the vouchers. A vote was taken. Yes: All (5). **MOTION CARRIED.**

M-093-09:

ASSESSOR: New MTA legal council has ruled on the treatment of a Township Assessor as an employee or sub-contractor when the Supervisor is not certified to sign the tax roll.

R-011-09 Therefore the following resolution was made by Trustee Blaine and supported Clerk Walker:

The Lapeer Township board of Trustees resolves to employ Connie Lipka as the Lapeer Township Assessor for the oversight and certification of the tax roll at a salary of \$3,377 per year which is computed to be an amount equal to approximately ten percent of the contract with Excel Appraisals, Inc. that expired on August 31, 2009 and to also adopt the job description for the Township of Lapeer Assessor as presented.

Ayes: Blaine, Walker, Rutzen, Taylor, Jarvis.
Nays: None
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

R-012-09: The following resolution was made by Trustee Blaine, and supported by Clerk Walker.

The Lapeer Township Board of Trustees resolves to contract with Excel Appraisals, Inc. to perform the daily assessing duties for the Township of Lapeer and to further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract for the period of September 1, 2009 thru August 31, 2014 with Excel Appraisals, Inc.

Ayes: Blaine, Walker, Rutzen, Taylor, Jarvis
Nays: None
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

GRANT APPLICATION

R-013-09: Patricia Lucas of the Lapeer Development Corporation and Tom Atkins of Kamax LP appeared before the board asking support for grant submissions to the State of Michigan in road infrastructure improvements.

MOVED by Jarvis, support by Rutzen to submit a resolution of support for Submission of a Michigan Department of Transportation Economic Development fund grant for improvements to Bowers road and Wilder road.

Ayes: Jarvis, Rutzen, Blaine, Taylor, Walker.
Nays: None.
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Further discussion took place amongst the board regarding the need to have jobs available for county residents. It was also discussed that although Mayfield Township is where Kamax LP is located, it is Lapeer Township residents that will be affected by the increase in traffic caused by further expansion of the facility.

STREETLIGHTS

M-094-09: Discussion was tabled from the August meeting. Supervisor Jarvis followed up with discussion and a letter to DTE Energy over the proposed streetlights at Briar Hill Drive and M-24; the west side of M-24 at Newark Road; the west side of M-24 at Hunters Creek road; and the west side of M-24 at Sutton road. The above noted sites currently have no streetlights although the Sutton and Hunters Creek road sites had lights prior to M-24 construction. Credits will be received for streetlights that were removed.

MOVED by Blaine, support by Taylor to accept the proposal by DTE for erection of streetlights at the above mentioned sites. A roll call vote was taken. Blaine, yes; Taylor, yes; Rutzen, yes; Jarvis, yes; Walker, yes. Ayes': Five (5). Nays': None. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

Further discussion followed with a request by the board to review the credit when it comes through.

WORKERS
COMPENSATION

M-095-09: Clerk Walker put the Workers Compensation Insurance for the Township out for bid. Submitted are quotes from Accident Fund and Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund. MML came in with a substantially lower price.

MOVED by Rutzen, to change Workers Compensation carriers effective October 1, 2009 to MML with a request for Clerk Walker to check the endorsement section of the policy. Support by Walker. A roll call vote was taken. Rutzen, yes; Walker, yes; Blaine, yes; Jarvis, yes. Taylor excused (for tax collection). Ayes': Four (4). Nays': None. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

D.J. McQUESTION

M-096-09: The Township currently holds two irrevocable letter of credits for contractor D.J. McQuestion. Number 06108 in the amount of \$250,000.00 and number 06109 in the amount of \$10,000.00. A letter was received from DEQ that the site for project 2006-004 is in compliance and a subsequent letter was received from Engineering Consultants, Davis Land Surveying & Engineering, P.C. recommending final approval of the site.

MOVED by Jarvis support by Blaine to have the Treasurer release the above stated irrevocable letter of credits to contractor D.J. McQuestion. A vote was taken. Yes': All (5). ***MOTION CARRIED.***

EMPLOYEE
MANUAL
M-097-09:

The board reviewed changes submitted for the Lapeer Township Employee Manual.

MOVED by Walker, support by Rutzen to approve changes as presented to the Lapeer Township employee manual. A roll call vote was taken. Walker, yes; Rutzen, yes; Blaine, yes; Jarvis, yes; Taylor, yes. Yes': All (5). Nay': none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RECYCLING:

The board discussed the recycling program. There are more and more complaints being received from residents. There are consistently more limits put on the accepted materials. Commissioner Schneider had statistics from Deerfield Disposal showing Lapeer Township as the second largest user of the program. The Township will continue to explore recycling as a whole. Lenny Schneider noted that the County support may end as they support the monthly program as the hazardous household waste program and cannot continue to do both. Trustee Rutzen noted how far Michigan is behind in the recycling effort as compared to other States.

LANDSCAPE
M-098-09:

Leveling, topsoil and seeding at the Township grounds needs to be completed prior to winter. Discussion followed.

MOVED by Jarvis, support by Blaine to approve Floyd DeLong to level the grounds and apply topsoil not to exceed \$1,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. Jarvis, yes; Blaine, yes; Taylor, yes; Walker, yes; Rutzen, yes. Yes': All (5). Nay': none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CALANDER 2010:

Draft copies of the 2010 board meeting schedule for review. Comments and discussion on the board and planning commission schedules followed. The schedule will be presented next month for approval.

TREASURER
MMTA CONF
M-099-09:

Treasurer Taylor requested attendance at the MMTA Conference in October. Questions on the budget were asked.

MOVED by Jarvis, support by Walker to allow Treasurer Taylor to attend at a cost not to exceed \$645.00. A vote was taken. Yes': All (5). **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC TIME:

Commissioner Lenny Schneider spoke representing the Board of Commissioners.

REPORTS:

Reports given on Construction Code Authority, Emergency Medical Service and Planning Commission. Trustee Rutzen noted that he was going to suggest to form a special committee to work on the Park & Recreation plan within the planning commission as everything was moving very slow. It was noted that the MTA banquet is scheduled for October 3rd and tickets are twenty dollars each. Gary Howell would be doing a presentation on employee versus contractor.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Walker, support by Rutzen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was unanimously adjourned (at 11:00 a.m.).

Dawn M. Walker, Clerk