

March 9, 2009

LAPEER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

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

ABSENT: Excused, Trustee John Rutzen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Leonard Lumley resident
Lenny Schneider, resident and Lapeer County Commission district 4.
Tim Roodvoets, resident and Planning Commission Chairman.
Emily Caswell representing the LAView newspaper.
Desiree Bruce, Otter Lake, MI – political science class

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

CONSENT
AGENDA:

General correspondence for review:
Police Statistics for February 2009
Fire Department report for February 2009
Reports from CCA and GLTA
Library Correspondence
Thumb Narcotics 2008 Annual Report
Greater Lapeer County Utility Authority
Charter Communications
DTE Letter

Lenny Schneider and Emily Caswell arrived at 8:34 a.m.
Tim Roodvoets arrived at 8:36 a.m.

By unanimous consent the agenda was accepted with the addition of Election Commission meeting to reports.

PUBLIC TIME: Lenny Schneider spoke on behalf of the County Commission. He emphasized budget, finance and legislative issues at the County. He also supplied the board with a copy of the Lapeer County Sheriff's 2007 Annual Report.

AGENDA:

M-027-09: ***MOVED*** by Blaine, support by Walker to approve the February 9, 2009 regular board meeting minutes with corrections and the February 26, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Yes': All (4). ***MOTION CARRIED.***

TREASURERS
REPORT
M-028-09:

FEBRUARY – TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

ACCOUNT	CLOSING BALANCE
General Fund Checking – LCB&T	\$479.20
General Fund Saving – LCB&T	\$126,691.71
CHASE	\$155,001.69
MBIA Class Investment Pool	
Investment	\$162,734.80
MBIA State Share	\$186,213.64
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
National City #1 4% Matures 5-09	\$100,000.00
National City #2 4% Matures 5-09	\$100,000.00
COMERICA	
Revolving Improvement	\$211,452.74
Capital Improvement	\$168,124.29
General Fund J-Account	\$143,669.37
General Township Working Totals:	\$1,354,367.44
MM/CD's/Investment Only Totals:	\$759,476.50
RESTRICTED FUNDS	
LAPEER COUNTY BANK & TRUST	
Disaster Contingency	\$301.13
Liquor Law Enforcement	\$947.67
Cemetery Trust	\$34,486.19
Trust & Agency	\$28.50
Lapeer Township Police Community Service	\$1,004.05
NATIONAL CITY BANK	
Tax Collection	\$27,463.58

MOVED by Walker, support by Blaine to accept the February Treasurers report. A vote was taken. Yes: All (4). **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLERKS
REPORTS:

Clerk Walker presented the following:

- Budget Amendments
- Vouchers presented from February 16, 2009 thru March 15, 2009 including March payroll for total voucher payments in the amount of \$51,742.52.
- State Share Revenue history report.

BUDGET
AMENDMENTS
M-029-09:

ACCOUNT NUMBER, DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
1013019780 – POLICE, EQUIP & HARDWARE	13,000.00	
101890890 – CONTINGENCIES		13,000.00

MOVED by Blaine support by Jarvis to approve the budget amendments as presented and allow the Clerk and Treasurer to issue the check for the new police car when needed. A vote was taken. Yes: All (4). **MOTION CARRIED.**

PAYMENT OF
VOUCHERS
M-030-09:

MOVED by Jarvis support by Taylor to approve payment of the vouchers. A vote was taken. Yes: All (4). **MOTION CARRIED.**

FENCE ORDINANCE
O-001-09

MOVED by Jarvis, support by Walker to approve an amendment to Article 1 General Provisions, by amending Section 1.11 Fences, Walls, and Other Protective Barriers, by amending subsection (b) as follows:

- b. **Fences in the Front Yard.** Decorative fences (i.e. picket, split rail, wrought iron, etc.) shall be permitted within the front yard (that area between the residence and the front property line). Such fences shall not exceed a total height of four (4) feet (as measured from the established grade). Wire and chain link fencing, privacy, and any view obscuring type fencing shall not be permitted within the front yard regardless of height. Finally, such fence shall not extend into the existing right of way or easement of any adjacent roadway. No fence or wall shall interfere with the visibility from a driveway.

A roll call voted was taken.

Ayes: Jarvis, Walker, Blaine and Taylor.

Nays: None.

Absent: One (Rutzen).

The Supervisor declared the Ordinance amendment adopted.

TEMPORARY
HOUSING:

Commissioner Roodvoets, Chairman of the Planning Commission appeared to discuss with the board the proposed ordinance amendment to temporary housing; Article 1 General Provisions, Section 1.39.

The Planning Commission has requested direction from the board. Discussion included bonding to insure removal of any allowed temporary structure, subdivision versus rural conditions and setbacks.

FOCUS GROUP:
PAVILION:

Discussion followed regarding the focus group to be conducted with residents and business owners throughout the Township of Lapeer. Target date is April or May of 2009.

Chairman Roodvoets noted that the pavilion most liked by planning commissioners was the one at the Imlay City Lions Club with the addition of a storage facility. Further pavilion discussion on items such as cost, electricity, handicap accessibility and bathroom facilities for the proposed pavilion. Should the pavilion be rented to residents? Sizes looked at were 34 x 72 and 30 x 72 with a twelve foot storage area. The Planning Commission would also like to get started on a walking trail at the Township hall grounds. Basic costs could be gotten on pavilions. Engineering consultant Cory Mabery should be contacted regarding plans to put the projects out for bid.

Chairman Roodvoets departed 8:38 a.m.

ROADWORK
M-031-09:

The Township received a quote from the Lapeer County Road Commission for a culvert replacement at Hunters Creek road between M-24 and Mirror Lake.

MOVED by Blaine support by Taylor to approve the replacement of the culvert, project #504-012-904100 upon inspection by the Township Supervisor. A vote was taken. Yes: All (4). **MOTION CARRIED.**

LAWN CARE
M-032-09

Discussion regarding weed control spraying at the Township building.

MOVED by Jarvis support by Walker to approve Oakridge Lawn & Snow for weed and crabgrass spraying at their pre-paid price as presented. A vote was taken. Yes': All (4). **MOTION CARRIED.**

SKY ELECTRIC
QUOTE:

Sky Electric provided the Township with a quote for five uninterruptible power supplies in the event of power outages. Discussion followed. Tabled.

PLANNING
COMMISSION
ORDINANCE:
O-002-09:

Attorney Gary Howell drafted an ordinance for the establishment of a planning commission as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

MOVED by Walker support by Blaine to adopt, Planning Ordinance No. 2 as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Walker, Blaine, Taylor, Jarvis.

Nays: None.

Absent: one (Rutzen).

Supervisor Jarvis declared the Ordinance adopted.

SIREN GRANT:

Discussion on information forwarded by fire chief Terry Kluge regarding granting on sirens becoming available. For information received it looks like density precludes the whole county from qualifying. Clerk Walker will look for more information at the Rural Development Meeting later this week.

VACANT
STRUCTURE:

Supervisor Jarvis provided information on vacant structure permits. Discussion followed. Tabled for more information.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Jarvis spoke regarding Construction Code Authority.

Treasurer Taylor spoke regarding Prison board and MTA.

Trustee Blaine spoke regarding EMS meeting.

Clerk Walker advised of election committee decisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Blaine support by Walker to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was unanimously adjourned (at 10:15 a.m.)

Dawn M. Walker, Clerk