

Minutes of Lapeer Township Board
Joint Public Hearing between
Lapeer Township Board
and
Lapeer City Commission
Interlocal Agreement
July 20, 2006

A joint meeting and public hearing between the Lapeer Township Board and the City of Lapeer Commission was held on July 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lapeer Township Offices and Community Building, 1500 Morris Road, Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, Michigan.

Mayor of the City of Lapeer, Charles Treece called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Supervisor of Lapeer Township, Scott Jarvis called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Clerk Dawn Walker, Supervisor Scott Jarvis, Treasurer Lori Ann Taylor, Trustees Howard Stack and John Rutzen. Absent: None.

Also present:

Chuck Treece, 136 Washington
Dale Kerbyson, 576 Liberty
Debbie Marquardt, 3191 Oregon Road
Daniel Farrington
Mike Robinet
William Sprague
Todd Alexander, 2300 W. Genesee
Terry Kluge, 2300 W. Genesee St.
Linda Jackman
Paul Boucher

William Marshall
Tim Roodvoets, 2126 E. Newark Rd.

Fred Green, 751 Peppermill
Ron Dahlke, 3530 E. Newark
Bernadette Treece, 136 Washington
Marty Johnson, 424 N. Madison Street
John & Tricia Lyons, 6549 Gleaners Hall, North Branch
Carl & Ardith Steffes, 1135 S. Lapeer Rd.
Howard Gleason, 1040 Cliff Drive
Clare & Sonny Longoria, 421 N. Lake Pleasant, Attica
Mike Arnholt
Calvin Rossman, 1127 Baldwin Rd.
Tom Adams, 1057 Baldwin Rd.
George & Kim Adams, 1178 S. Lapeer
John Olivo, 1214 Oakridge Drive
Bradley & Barbara Walker, 948 Turrill Rd.
Bob Resh
Chris Lashbrook, 314 Turrill Rd.
Ben Smith, 225 E. Hudson, Royal Oak
Joseph Adamson, 1141 Turrill Rd.
Leonard Lumley, 1031 Pine Tree Lane
James Chunak, 1730 S. Lapeer Rd.
Ann Makarchuk, 973 Turrill Rd.
Jeff Trauben, 4202 Pioneer

Representing:

City of Lapeer Mayor
City of Lapeer Manager
City of Lapeer Commissioner
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City of Lapeer, Police Chief
City of Lapeer, Fire & Rescue
City of Lapeer Planning Director
City of Lapeer Director of Financial
Services
Chief of Police Lapeer Township
Lapeer Township Planning Commission
Chair
Lapeer Township Planning Commission
Board of County Commissioners

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Eldon R. Card
Melonie Dicenso, 1061 S. Lapeer Rd.
Brent Hershberger, 1007 Oda
Thomas Hubbell, 342 Mansfield Drive
Ryan & Donna Hoisington, 2100 Peppermill Rd.
Linda Jackson, 1256 Briar Hill
Stephen Musof, 9135 Emily Drive, Davison
Gregory Ernie, 18195 Bercdy Road, Beverly Hills
Scott Cramer, Imlay City
Karen Witek, 1080 Cliff Drive
Jerry & Irene Leonard, 131 Turrill
Julie Wilcox, 1071 Kathleen Drive
Scott Winther, 786 S. Main
Jack Tindall, 612 Greens Way Blvd.
Russ Newman, 1042 Baldwin
Richard Witek, 1080 Cliff Drive
Gerald Reynolds, 1275 Sharon Drive
Roberta Bergin, 1109 S. Lapeer Rd.
Burton L. Hodges, 1125 S. Main St.
Richard Sullivan, 1122 S. Lapeer Rd., Suite A
Kevin Daley
Shirley Adamson, 1141 Turrill Rd.
Ernest & Carol Bowman, 1140 Baldwin Rd.
Lucis Welch, 1061 Baldwin Rd.
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Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Copies of the annexation map and the proposed contract were given out to attendees.

Supervisor Jarvis gave a brief synopsis of the process and progress of events leading up to and developing into negotiations between the Township of Lapeer and the City of Lapeer.

Township of Lapeer's attorney Gary Howell gave an overview of the contract negotiated between the two municipalities reviewing the individual items within the contract.

Fred Green arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Treece for the City of Lapeer opened the Public hearing at 7:00 p.m.
Immediately following Supervisor Jarvis opened the Public hearing for Lapeer Township.

Public comments, questions and opinions were heard as follows:

Mr. Richard Witek, 1080 Cliff Drive commented that the Township should have mailed individual notices. Will the Township have eminent domain to annex property? Also have water run-off and contaminant concerns.

Ms. Barb Walker: How long do people in the optional annexation area have to decide about annexing? Once you have decided to annex can you withdrawal?
Also questioned what the City income tax rate was.

Ms. Julie Wilcox: Questions on the tap in fees and how sewer and water tap ins affect residences remaining within the Township.

Ms. Donna Hoisington: Questions on traffic congestion and the ability to control it.

Ms. Melanie Decensio: Questions on the orange area on the map in relation to sewer and water lines.

Mr. Brad Walker inquired that if you annex into the City how does that affect open fires / burn permits?

Mr. Earl Saggert: Questions on where the sewer and water lines will come down from and when will water and sewer be available.

Mr. John Olivo of the Stoneycroft subdivision questioned and commented as follows:
Who will be responsible for the upkeep of Turrill road?
Mr. Olivo also commented why would he ever want sewer or water?

Ms. Ann Makarchuk: Comments on Turrill road crowning east of M-24 and pointed out that MDOT will not grant access off of M-24. Development will flood her basement.

Mr. Burton Hodges: Are Township paying a premium rate to support the City? Rezoning questions and comments.

Mr. John Olivo: Will there be a new sewage plant with a sewage pond nearby?

Mr. Joe Adams: Are the contract options transferable?

Mr. Tim Roodvoets, Lapeer Township Planning Commission Chair, resident and owner of various properties in the area: Voiced concerns over the ability of the City of Lapeer to plan the development area properly. Some areas in the City are rated poorly by MDOT. Concerns over ingress and egress from the development areas. Questions the portion of the contract that the City "Conform substantially to Township ordinances." Tim also suggested that the Township develop a system to oversee site plans. Questioned who the new City planner was?

Mr. Jack Tindall commends both boards for the work done on this project, it will enhance the development area and create jobs and tax revenue.

Ms. Shirley Adams inquired if as a township resident she can come to city meetings to make comments and express concerns with the developments.

Mr. Philmore Thomas stated that both parties have done a good job and that the development is coming.

Mr. Brad Walker had questions regarding the petition from the Citizens for a Greater Lapeer to the State boundary commission requesting annexation.

Mr. Jerry Reynolds inquired about the occupants of the development owning or leasing the buildings being built, as he has concerns over empty buildings in the area.

Mr. Richard Witek commented that he would like to see sidewalks along M-24.

Mr. Earl Sager of the 7th Day Adventist Church would like to see the traffic signal at M-24 and Turrill Road remain for safety concerns.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Treece closed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Lapeer Township Supervisor Scott Jarvis requested that the written public comments from Lapeer County Commissioner Lenny Schneider be entered into the meeting record.

Date. Julv 13, 2006

To: DAWN WALKER, LAPEER TOWNSHIP CLERK
DONNA L. CRONCE, CMC, LAPEER CITY CLERK

From: LENNY SCHNEIDER, LAPEER COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

Subject: PUBUC INPUT for the Lapeer Township Board and Lapeer City
Commission Joint Meeting aid Public Hearing, July 20, 2006
REGARDING A LAND TRANSFER AGREEMENT between Lapeer
Township and the City of Lapeer.

As a resident of Lapeer Township, and as Lapeer County Commissioner for District 4 -which involves representation for the citizens in both of the involved local jurisdictions and includes the area of proposed Land Transfer - I wish to publicly support this Land Transfer Agreement. I would be in attendance at the Public Hearing to state this position, were it not for my duties in which our Board of Commissioners has a scheduled public meeting at this same time in Deerfield Township to conduct the business of the County.

Therefore, let this notification serve a public notice during the Public Hearing that I speak in favor of the proposed Land Transfer Agreement between Lapeer Township and Lapeer City. I know the process arriving at this agreement was not an easy one...negotiations rarely are. And as we know in any negotiation, competing interests are at stake, and each side wants to do the best for the interests of those they represent. In a successful and fair outcome, neither will feel as they achieved all that their constituents wanted; but both should be able to conclude that they achieved what they needed, and see some victory in the outcome.

The agreement reached and before us now appears to achieve this goal. There is much benefit for both Township and City residents in this agreement, and the enhanced relationship between neighboring local units of government is an added bonus.

Equally as important, is the benefit to the entire county population, as growth and density is maintained in the municipal core, and avoids the less desirable urban sprawl into our county's open space. We know that growth is inevitable, so the proper planning of growth is vital. The planned developments in this I-69 / M-24 corridor will further bring a large number of jobs to our county residents, keeping many closer to home, as well as infusing much needed revenue to our local communities.

I therefore support the LAND TRANSFER AGREEMENT between Lapeer Township and the City of Lapeer, and publicly commend both the Lapeer Township Board and Lapeer City Commission for their hard work, spirit of cooperation and vision, which will benefit not only their local residents, but also all county residents, for the present and for the future.

I request that these comments be made public during the scheduled meeting in my absence of attendance at the County Commission public meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
Lenny Schneider
Lapeer County Commissioner, District 4

Lapeer Township Supervisor Scott Jarvis closed the public hearing at 8:34 p.m.

Attorney Gary Howell reminded the attendees that annexation is voluntary and that State statute requires a petition to the City and the Township requesting annexation.

Closing comments were heard by members of the Lapeer City Commission and the Lapeer Township Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Dawn M. Walker
Lapeer Township Clerk

Scott Jarvis
Lapeer Township Supervisor