

Minutes of Lapeer Township Board
Lapeer Township Offices and Community Building
1500 Morris Road, Lapeer, Michigan 48446
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2006
8:30 A.M.
Dawn Walker, Clerk

Supervisor Jarvis called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

PRESENT: Clerk Dawn Walker, Supervisor Scott Jarvis, Treasurer Lori Ann Taylor, Trustees John Rutzen, Howard Stack and Deputy Clerk Bradford.

Also present:

Leonard Lumley, 1031 Pine Tree Lane
Lenny Schneider, 1450 Tanglewood Drive
Ben Smith, 225 E. Hudson, Royal Oak
Dennis Harrand, 2773 North Branch Rd.

Representing:

Self
Resident/County Commissioner
Conektive Companies
Candidate for State Representative

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC TIME:

Dave Mallett, Township custodian commented on the condition of the carpet in the great room. He also commented on the condition of Converse Drive.

Lenny Schneider representing the County Commissioners commented on the revised County Master Plan and on the status of Right-of-Way Access at the intersection of M-24 and Turrill Road.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the 911 tragedy.

The Stop OverSpending (SOS) ballot initiative was briefly discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Agenda
- The minutes of the August 14th, 2006 regular meeting were approved with corrections.
- General correspondence for review:
 - Police Statistics for August 2006
 - Library minutes

MOVED by Walker, support by Stack to approve the consent agenda. A vote was taken. Yes: All (5). ***MOTION CARRIED.***

AGENDA:

1. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Taylor reported on banking proposals from LCB&T and National City Bank. Proposed changes to bank accounts were reviewed.

MOVED by Rutzen, support by Stack to try the LCB&T Funds Management banking program for a period of two months and report back to the board on the results. Also to change the cemetery savings account to a choice checking account to maximize the interest earned. A roll call vote was taken. Rutzen: yes; Stack: yes; Jarvis: yes; Taylor: yes; Walker: yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FUND	OPENING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	CLOSING BALANCE
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Fund Checking	\$534.48	\$196,404.51	\$196,438.99	\$500.00
General Fund Saving	\$4,216.86	\$216,728.15	\$202,000.00	\$18,945.01
Money Markets	\$192,131.51	\$1,218.02	\$0.00	\$193,349.53
General Fund J-Account	\$58,559.27	\$272,147.42	\$196,404.51	\$134,302.18
J-Fund CD matures 9-06	\$125,000.00			\$125,000.00
Revolving Improvement	\$95,811.49	\$761.01	\$18,173.02	\$78,399.48
Revolving Improvement CD – matures 9-2006	\$350,000.00	\$8,183.68	0.00	\$358,183.68
Capital Improvement	\$57,768.60	\$328.23	\$25,000.00	\$33,096.83
Capital Improvement CD – matures 9-2006	\$75,000.00	\$26,753.64	0.00	\$101,753.64
CD – Matures 8-2006	\$127,353.97	\$963.47	\$128,317.44	CLOSED
State Share	\$309.74	\$51,848.77	\$51,500.00	\$658.51
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Disaster Contingency	\$300.00	0.38	1.50	\$300.38
Liquor Law Enforcement	\$100.00	\$850.77	\$0.00	\$950.77
Cemetery Trust	\$34,372.11	\$43.36	\$0.00	\$34,415.47
Trust & Agency	\$89,196.90	\$0	\$0	\$89,196.90
Tax Collection	\$1,000.00	\$367,086.79	\$316,146.39	\$51,940.40

MOVED by Walker, support by Stack to approve the Treasurers report. A vote was taken. Yes': All (5). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Clerk reports and Voucher payments:

Clerk Walker presented the following:

- Vouchers from August 15th thru September 12th, and September 5th payroll for a total amount of \$199,370.73.
- Check detail.
- General Fund Balance sheet.
- General Fund Profit & Loss Report.

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

Budget Amendments needed for current month as follows:

		Debit	Credit
1012539850	Treasurer, Software	\$20.00	
1012537270	Treasurer, Office Supplies		\$20.00

MOVED by Stack, support by Taylor to approve the budget amendments. A vote was taken. Yes': All (5). **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. GLTA – 2006 Yearly Assessment:

A letter from the newly appointed GLTA Executive Director, Carol Wegher was received regarding the yearly assessment year previously being allocated incorrectly. The current assessment was actually for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Clerk Walker stated that according to documentation in the files this is correct.

MOVED by Jarvis, support by Taylor to approve the payment of the 2006 yearly assessment at a cost of \$5,290.00. A roll call vote was taken. Jarvis: yes; Taylor: yes; Rutzen: yes; Stack: yes; Walker: yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Reassignment of Work Responsibility:

The board discussed work hours and responsibility of duties. Also discussion on building maintenance that needs addressed including repair to doors, carpet cleaning and lighting repairs. Trustee Rutzen suggested a compilation of statutory duties and remaining duties be compiled.

5. Old Copy Machine:

The board decided after a brief discussion to donate the old copy machine to a local non-profit company.

6. Pay reduction, Planning Commission Recording Secretary:

Discussion followed with a suggestion to reduce the pay for this position from \$123.00 for a regular meeting to \$90.00 and from \$89.45 for a study session to \$45.00. Currently minutes are emailed to the clerk's office and processed; whereas prior to the web site the recording secretary was responsible for processing of all minutes and attachments.

MOVED by Rutzen, support by Walker to amend the current pay for planning commission-recording secretary to be \$90.00 for regular meetings and \$50.00 for study sessions. A vote was taken. Yes': All (5). **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Stop OverSpending Resolution (SOS):

Documents received this morning to the effect that the SOS ballot proposal would not appear on the November ballot as the Board of State Canvassers determined that there were not enough valid signatures. Even so, the board voted to approve the following resolution:

TOWNSHIP OF LAPEER

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE "STOP OVERSPENDING" BALLOT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the so-called "Stop OverSpending" SOS proposal would amend the Michigan Constitution to put into place rigid revenue and spending limits at the state and local levels of government, and;

WHEREAS, this proposed Constitutional Amendment would dramatically limit the ability of local and state government to provide services such as public safety, education, health care, and other vital services that ensure a high quality of life for all Michigan citizens, as well as provide infrastructure such as roads, sewer and water, necessary to create and retain jobs, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal is similar to a Colorado initiative that was adopted in 1992, and recently suspended by voters in that state because it crippled essential services at all levels of government, and;

WHEREAS, due to state budget cuts, state funding to local communities in Michigan has already been reduced by \$1.5 billion the last four years, leading to numerous cuts in services including the loss of over 1,500 police officers in Michigan since September 11, 2001, and;

WHEREAS, the SOS proposal would require township- or county-wide votes on projects that may impact only one small area within those jurisdictions and would create delays in critical economic development projects by requiring votes on public construction projects that would be funded out of existing revenues, and:

WHEREAS, passage of the SOS proposal will cause unnecessary litigation, hinder the ability of local elected leaders to act in times of crisis and unpredictable circumstances, and greatly increase local spending on elections, and require voters to become knowledgeable on a broad array of new ballot proposals, the majority of which will have no direct impact on the voter; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal undermines our system of representative democracy and would require local and state officials to avoid responsibility for making the tough decisions they are elected to make on behalf of the community they serve, now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Lapeer opposes the "Stop OverSpending" ballot proposal.

MOVED by Stack, support by Rutzen to adopt the SOS resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Stack: yes; Rutzen: yes; Walker: yes; Jarvis: yes; Taylor: yes. The supervisor declared the resolution ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2006

8. Elimination of Uncollectible Fire runs from Township Ledgers:

By the recommendation of the Township Auditors the following fire-runs need to be authorized by the board as uncollectible and removed from the Township General Ledger.

2006-006	Michael Hinson	\$2,500.00
2003-140	Adam Montgomery	825.00
2003-125	Jeremy Beicler	1,400.00
2005-030	State of Michigan	250.00

MOVED by Rutzen, support by Stack to approve the removal of the above uncollectible fire runs from the Township General Ledger. A roll call vote was taken. Rutzen: yes; Stack: yes; Taylor: yes; Walker: yes; Jarvis: yes. MOTION CARRIED.

9. July Fire runs:

Copies of the July fire run invoices from the City of Lapeer were presented to the board. Discussion followed regarding two (2) of the invoices. Agreed that Supervisor Jarvis would follow up with a letter to the City of Lapeer fire chief, the Township would not pay City of Lapeer run number 06-164, the board would like an explanation on how man hours are figured on the incident reports and we want CAD reports for each and every incident.

10. Small Claims Court:

Three invoices were presented by Clerk Walker to be taken to small claims court. One for engineering fees and two for fire run invoices for a total of \$2829.50 plus costs.

MOVED by Jarvis, support by Stack to approve the unpaid debts going to small claims court and the check being printed for \$142.00 to file in 71A District court. A roll call vote was taken. Jarvis: yes; Stack: yes; Rutzen: yes; Taylor: yes; Walker: yes. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Rental Ordinance:

Changes suggested by Zoning Administrator (CCA, John Sharpe) to change the wording in our Rental Ordinance to read, Current Code. We now have ordinances refer to BOCA code which no longer exists. TABLED.

Supervisor Jarvis was excused at 10:13 am.

Trustee Stack appointed to complete the meeting.

PUBLIC TIME: Commissioner Schneider reported on variations in the newly approved Lapeer County master plan that varied from the Townships Master Plan. A digital copy should arrive at the Township shortly.

REPORTS:

Reports were given on PC, CCA, EMS, GLTA, Election, Planning for Agriculture seminar and Funding Township Programs and Services seminar.

*There was a unanimous decision to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.*

Dawn M. Walker, Clerk

Nancy L. Bradford, Deputy Clerk