

**LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maier at 7:00 pm. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Supervisor Maier, Clerk Bater, Treasurer Havens, and Trustees Laier and Luick. Also present were many residents and guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Trustee Luick moved, supported by Laier to approve the agenda as amended – under Old Business, adding: Discussion of Bike Path. Motion carried

MINUTES APPROVAL: Laier moved, supported by Luick to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2016. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: As submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT	December 31, 2016
Beginning Balance CSB	105,505.33
Deposits	21,118.60
Oct., 2016 Bills Paid	(23,155.37)
CSB Checking Balance 12/31/16 (.05% int.)	103,468.56
Non-Maturing CD's	677,930.28
Total CSB Checking & CD's	781,398.84
CSB Money Market	353,805.33
CSB Money Market Dec. Interest (.20%)	59.93
Total CSB Money Market	353,865.26
Flagstar/Thornton Farms	142,151.80
Thornton Farms Dec. Interest (.25%)	30.10
Total Flagstar Checking	142,181.90
Funds Available	1,135,264.10
Total Funds	1,277,446.00

Treasurer Havens reported that 60% of the property tax bills have been paid with 54% of the money in. 49% of the administration fee has also come in.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance Enforcement of Flags and Yard Signs - Michael Purdy, owner of Catered Coffee at 12855 E. Old U.S. 12, spoke to the Board requesting his business be allowed to display "Flag" signs to encourage more customers and advertise special events. Mr. Purdy stated that he was aware that Dexter Builders had gotten approval for the signs and it was his wish that everyone in the business community be treated the same. The Board asked his desired time frame to display the signs and how many there would be. In response Mr. Purdy was fine with six months and three signs maximum, plus assuring the Board that his signs would always be kept in good shape. Clerk Bater read back the conditions that Dexter Builders agreed to as they would be the same conditions for Catered Coffee: 1) "Flag" (festoon, banner, pennants, ribbons, streamers, etc.) signs be approved for six months, requiring the business to request an extension from the Board; 2) Signs be limited in number; 3) Signs must be kept in good condition; 4) Condition assessment will reside with the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Other concerns that Board members voiced were that signs cannot flap (make noise), fall over or that Township receive complaints about the flag signs. **Moved by Maier, supported by Laier to allow Catered Coffee to display a maximum of three flag signs for a period of six (6) months starting February 1, 2017 and upon review from the Board may be granted an extension. Motion carried with one nay.** Supervisor Maier commented to the Board, pointing out that when recurring issues come to the Board and then back to the Board for review it indicates that there may be flaws in the sign ordinance. He requested that the Board think on the issue of whether the ordinance needs changing to add special uses, totally disallow, or remove restrictions all together. Whatever the changes may be, it should correct the process of requests coming before the Board for signs that are becoming much more prevalent for businesses to use.

Bike Path Discussion – Trustee Luick started the discussion by stating that he had much more to say, than the last meeting, now that he is more familiar with the bike path issue. Jeff and David Hardcastle, who spoke about the bike path at last month’s meeting, intend to use the Boland railway right-of-way, which runs through Lima Township, for the HWPI. Luick continued to address the meeting by saying that the ten-foot, asphalt, purposed bike path would run in front of many Lima residents homes where there are well-heads and other utilities in the way leaving no front yard for many of these folks and that it is a bad idea for this township. Luick questioned the legality of using the Boland right-of-way since it is over 100 years, the railroad company is out of business, and it was never used for the railroad. Luick read from a document that said if the land is not used for railway purposes for three consecutive years it reverts to the property owners to the south. Luick said he is in favor of something for the bicyclists on Dexter-Chelsea Road and wonders if the road can be widened for a bike path – using the road right-of-way. Many questions were brought up to the Board. Is the Boland right-of-way still a real easement and useable? Is it an abandoned right-of-way? Do the surveyors have a right to be on the land? Is it legal to take someone’s land like this? Is it really owned by the Washtenaw County Road Commission? Supervisor Maier also agreed that bikers need space to ride, but he would not want them in his front yard either. Luick stated that this proposed bike path should be studied for further review. Maier said that he would make contact with the Road Commission to see what they have on official file regarding the Boland right-of-way.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Work Session with City of Chelsea regarding Wolf Property (N. Freer Road) 425 Agreement - Monday, January 30, 2017, 6:00 pm at the Lima Township Hall. All Township Board members, Zoning Administer, Planning chairperson, and Township Planner should attend.

Lima Township CAFA At-Large Alternate Board Positon – Supervisor Maier stated that he had spoken with Ron Howdyshell at length and he was extremely interested in the position. He went on to say that Ron would do a very good job representing the Township. **Maier moved, supported by Laier to recommend Ron Howdyshell as the Lima Township nominee for the CAFA At-Large Alternate Board Position. Motion Carried**

APPROVAL of ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Laier moved, supported by Luick to pay bills as presented in the amount of \$16,721.12. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - PAID JANUARY 9, 2017 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED		Amount
ABRASIVE FINISHING	RECY. BIN SNO REMOV 12/11/16 &12/12/16	50.00
ABRASIVE FINISHING	RECY. BIN SNO REMOV 12/19/16	25.00
BETTY ROBBINS PAID 1/12/17	TAX WITHHOLDING REFUND 2016	67.93
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	GENERAL CONSULTATION	297.50
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	2016 MASTER PLAN UPDATES	527.50
CHELSEA AREA CONTRUCTION AGENCY	JAN OFFICE LEASE	1,046.45
CHRIS RENIUS	ASSESSING CONT.12/15/16-01/14/17	1,950.00
COMCAST PAID 1/19/17	DEC.2016/JAN2017 OFFICE CABLE TV & INTERNET	331.60
CORRIGAN OIL CO. NO.II	HEATING FUEL DEL TWP HALL 12/19/16	491.42
CRAIG MAIER	SUPERVISOR MILEAGE/OFFICE REIMB.	150.00
CRAIG MAIER	TORO POWERLITE 16" SNOWBLOWER	175.00
DTE ENERGY	251216900018 ELEC - HALL	89.00
ELAINE BATER	CLERK MILEAGE/OFFICE REIMB.	150.00
ELAINE BATER	OFF SUPPLIES AND POSTAGE	82.28
ELAINE BATER	PAYROLL MATE SOFTWARE,W-2'S & CKS PURCHASED	311.95
ELSE HELLER	POSTAGE REIMB.	14.61
FARMERS SUPPLY	RODENT CONTROL-TWP. HALL	22.23
IVS COMM	DEC.2016 OFFICE PHONES #7344752246	87.48
KCI	PERSONAL PROPERTY STMT.MAILING SERVICE/POSTAGE	211.86
MARY ANN WESNER PAID 1/12/17	TAX WITHHOLDING REFUND 2016	58.52
MCCALLA'S FEED SERVICE, INC.	RODENT CONTROL-TWPSHIP HALL	24.00
MERS	CUSTOMER#811201 EMP RETIRE PLAN	820.36
MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICE	25.00
MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICE ZONING VIOLATION	31.25
NANETTE HAVENS	TREASURER MILEAGE/OFFICE REIMB.	150.00
TANYA STRONG PAID 1/12/17	TAX WITHHOLDING REFUND 2016	32.59
THE COMPUTER SOURCE	WEBSITE RECREATE,HOST,MOVE & EMAIL SETUP	1,174.00
THE SUN TIMES	ORD. ADOPTION NOTIC.& MTG MIN.	147.00
VERIZON	642097789-01 TWP.HALL BROADBAND 12/29-01/28	40.82
VICTOR L. LILLICH, J. D.	LEGAL SERV-BATESON 12/1/16-12/31/16	1,910.00
WASHTENAW COUNTY TREASURER	ACC#100468 2016 AT-LG DRAIN ASSESMT.	6,225.77
TOTAL		16,721.12

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL: Maier moved, supported by Laier to process payroll as presented in the amount of \$8,931.70. Motion carried.

Payroll Totals Report		
Lima Township		
Begin Date: 01/09/2017 End Date: 01/09/2017		
Qty: Miles, Pieces		
Incomes		
	<u>Hours/Qty.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Hourly Pay	78.50	1403.80
Yearly Salary		7492.85
Mileage	64.90	35.05
Piece Work	0.00	0.00
Total Income:		8931.70
Taxes		
		<u>Amount</u>
Social Security (Employee)		53.63
Social Security (Employer)		53.63
Medicare (Employee)		118.58
Medicare (Employer)		118.58
Total Taxes:		344.42
Deductions		
		<u>Amount</u>
401K (Employee)		403.33
401K (Employer)		403.33
Total Deductions:		806.66
Other Totals		
		<u>Amount</u>
Total Employees Who Received Payroll Checks:		11
Total Payroll Checks:		11
Total Hours:		143.40
Total Net Pay:		8356.16

CORRESPONDENCE:

**35 Year Anniversary Thank You from HVA
MTA Training Opportunities**

REPORTS:

Zoning Report for December, 2016: Tom Caplis

- 1 new home permit – 8373 Crab Apple Trail
- 3 enforcements (violations written or investigated) for the month – blight investigated on Scio Church Road and flag sign ordinance violations addressed.
- Annual Report Summary 2012-2016 was presented

Chelsea Area Construction Agency (CACA): Greg McKenzie (absent) Craig Maier reported

- Quarterly meeting scheduled for January 12, 2017

Capital Improvements: Ed Greenleaf (absent)

CAPT/DART: Ed Greenleaf (absent)

Cemeteries: Ed Greenleaf (absent)

Chelsea District Library: Elizabeth Sensoli (absent) Craig Maier reported

- Strategic plan for the Library will be discussed January 11, 2017 from 5-7 pm in McKune Room
- Monday, 1/16/17 showing Documentary on President Ford & the 1934 Georgia Tech Football Game for MLK Day.

Planning Commission: Nanette Havens

- 1/19/16 Planning met to establish meeting dates for 2017

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA): Nanette Havens

- Cassidy Lake broke their contract & is now charging \$527/day (\$2,600/week, \$10,000/month) for the inmates to work. The price covers the wages, transportation, and supervision. A new agreement was signed, ending 3/31/2017, because the labor is needed. Cassidy Lake's price increase is likely due to not wanting to perform the work any longer. \$2,600/month was paid in the prior contract for the same labor.
- WWRA may look at more machining rather than hiring more labor

Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE): Arlene Bareis

- There will be a small open house and meeting with the Chamber on 1/19/2017 between 5-7 pm at the new office.

Clerk's Report: Elaine Bater

- Getting out 2016 W-2 & 1099 forms for the Township
- Website has been moved over to new location and will be brought up to date with current information
- Budget time will be starting

Supervisor's Reports: Craig Maier

- Robert Arbini was chosen as new Fire Chief for CAFA. His start date is pending for a physical, possibly 3/1/17.
- The union contract is under final review by both the Union and CAFA Board, negotiations went well
- Next meeting is 1/24/17 at 7 p.m. at Chelsea City Council Chambers
- Holding the meetings in the evenings will be reviewed after the March meeting
- Several road project proposals and costs are coming in from the Road Commission in February and March

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION: Maier moved, supported by Laier to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation with Township Attorney, Victor Lillich at 8:17. Motion carried.

Listened to opinion and options presented by Attorney Lillich on pending litigation.

Bater moved, supported by Laier to come out of closed session at 9:07 pm. Motion carried.

Maier moved, supported by Laier to instruct, Township Attorney Victor Lillich, to proceed with superintending control regarding the pending litigation. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Laier, supported by Luick to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Elaine Bater, Lima Township Clerk