

**LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 13, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maier at 7:04 pm. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Supervisor Maier, Clerk Bater, Treasurer Havens, and Trustees Laier and Luick with approximately 20 residents and guests of Lima Township.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Luick moved, supported by Laier to approve the agenda with the Pathway Meeting date corrected to 3/30/17 under Old Business. Motion carried

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Laier moved, supported by Luick to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2017. Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Howard Sias commented in regards to the poor conditions of the Township's bridges and culverts. Nicolas Haroney, Pam GreenLeaf, Kent Martinez Kratz, and David Hardcastle spoke concerning the proposed non-motorized pathway. Leonard Calus commented on the lack of parking at the township hall.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: As submitted.**

TREASURER'S REPORT	February 28, 2017
Beginning Balance CSB	226,628.93
Deposits	91,778.08
February, 2017 Payroll	(8,232.47)
February, 2017 Bills Paid	(29,786.50)
<b>CSB Checking Balance 2/28/2017 (.05% int.)</b>	<b>280,388.04</b>
Non-Maturing CD's	778,796.11
<b>Total CSB Checking &amp; CD's</b>	<b>1,059,184.15</b>
CSB Money Market	253,914.41
CSB Money Market Feb. Interest (.20%)	38.96
<b>Total CSB Money Market</b>	<b>253,953.37</b>
Flagstar/Thornton Farms	141,571.69
Thornton Farms Feb. Interest (.25%)	27.15
<b>Total Flagstar Checking</b>	<b>141,598.84</b>
<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>1,313,137.52</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,454,736.36</b>

The Treasurer reported that 83 delinquent parcels were sent to the county.

**OLD BUSINESS: Non-motorized Pathway Discussion** – Discussed during Public Comment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proclamation of Support #2017-001 – Residents of Dexter-Chelsea Road:** To show support the following proclamation #2017-001 was read:

**PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF DEXTER-CHELSEA ROAD- NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY DISPUTE**

WHEREAS, more than 100 residents of Lima Township who live on Dexter-Chelsea Road, are being affected by the proposed non-motorized pathway,

WHEREAS, the "Boland corridor" in question was obtained by Mr. Boland in fee simple through multiple purchases of land, not through the acquisition of easements or rights-of way, and that many if not all of the instruments by which these property transfers were effected contain a reversion clause stipulating that the land in question would automatically revert to the adjoining land owner if it ceased to be used for railroad purposes for a specified amount of time (e.g. three consecutive years),

WHEREAS, those property owners holding a Warranty Deed or similar instrument of property transfer containing a reversion clause had every reason to believe it to be a valid document, and the document is to have extra merit by being duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County,

WHEREAS, the abandonment of all railroad activities on the corridor in question within the stipulated time frame triggered the reversion clauses in the aforementioned instruments, resulting in the automatic transfer of ownership to the adjacent landowners, irrespective of subsequent illegitimate claims,

WHEREAS, the proposed non-motorized pathway crosses in excess of fifty private driveways, two county roads, and two local roads, greatly increasing the probability of collisions leading to increased injuries and death,

WHEREAS, the proposed non-motorized pathway would traverse or be very close to garages, well heads, houses, and would disrupt the lives of these residents, and

WHEREAS, the proposed non-motorized pathway would destroy wetlands, old growth trees and desecrate a local, historical cemetery and run through our already disappearing agricultural lands,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lima Township Board fully supports the residents with property adjacent to the Boland corridor in their dispute with the construction of the non-motorized pathway through their land.

Roll call Board of Trustees: Aye: Laier, Bater, Maier, Havens, Luick Nay: None Absent: None

PROCLAMATION FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 3/13/2017

**Temporary Road Closures – Heart & Sole Annual Race, Resolution #2017-006:** The following resolution was read aloud by Supervisor Maier:

**WHEREAS**, the Heart and Sole Run/Walk Race is a highly attended annual event in the Chelsea Community,

**WHEREAS**, by the nature of the event and for the safety of the participants, road closures are required,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Lima has approved the temporary road closure of Trinkle Road between Freer and N. Fletcher Roads on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 8:00 am until 11:30 am for this event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Driveways, Banners, and Parades Act 200 of 1969 requires the Township to authorize an official, designated by resolution, to make such request from the Road Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Lima Township designates and agrees that Autumn Orta, of St. Joseph Mercy Health System, be the Authorized Official designated in this instance when application is made to the Washtenaw County Road Commission for the Heart and Sole Race on May 20, 2017 for temporary road closures.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the Township will be provided a current \$5,000,000 liability insurance certificate with Lima Township as additional insured with respect to the Heart and Sole Race on May 20, 2017.

The foregoing resolution offered by Supervisor Maier and supported by Trustee Luick.

Upon roll call vote the following voted: Aye: Laier, Bater, Maier, Havens, Luick Nay: None Absent: None

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**Lima Township Resolution for Poverty Exemption #2017-007:** The following resolution was read aloud by Supervisor Maier:

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the Township Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u) and as amended by PA 620 of 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 and PA 620, 2002, Lima Township, Washtenaw County adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year,

To be eligible, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the Supervisor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
3. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is required, if requested.
5. Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
6. Have assets totaling no more than \$150,000, not including the primary residence.
7. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
8. Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Supervisor Maier and supported by Trustee Luick.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Laier, Bater, Maier, Havens, Luick Nay: None Absent: None

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**APPROVAL of ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: Laier moved, supported by Luick to pay bills and payroll as presented and any other bills as necessary. Motion carried.**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - MARCH 13, 2017		Amount
ALLIED-EAGLE SUPPLY-ANN ARBOR	CLEANING SUP. FOR OFFICE	8.84
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	2015 ORDINANCE UPDATES	50.00
CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.	GENERAL CONSULTATON	1,020.00
CHELSEA AREA CONSTRUCTION AGENCY	MARCH OFFICE LEASE	1,046.45
CHRIS RENIUS	ASSESSING CONT.2/15/17-03/14/17	1,950.00
COMCAST	8529 10 221 0105382 INTERNET & CABLE TV	341.58
CRAIG MAIER	SUPERVISOR HOME OFFICE REIMB.	150.00
DECKER AGENCY	PUBLIC ENTITY INSURANCE PACKAGE	14,412.00
DTE ENERGY	251216900018 ELEC - HALL	68.05
ELAINE BATER	CLERK HOME OFF REIMB.	150.00
ELAINE BATER	DATE STAMP AND OFFICE SUPPLIES	79.32
GOVENMENAL BUSINESS SERVICES	QVF-VOTER ID CARDS	25.88
IVS COMM	FEB 2017 OFFICE PHONES #7344752246	87.48
KCI	ASSESSMENT NOTICES REAL JOB#140911	1,156.08
MERS	CUSTOMER#811201 EMP RETIRE PLAN	806.65
MERS	CUSTOMER#811201 G. MCKENZIE	9.20
MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	GENERAL LEGAL SERV.	50.00
MICHAEL J. KEHOE, P.C.	VAQUERA ZONING VIOLATION	100.00
NANETTE HAVENS	TREASURER HOME OFF REIMB.	150.00
NANETTE HAVENS	ENVELOPES FOR TAX RECEIPTS	90.97
OHM ENGINEERING ADVISORS	THORNTON FARMS- PHASE IIB PAVING	244.00
THE SUN TIMES	MASTER PLAN REVIEW NOTICE	42.00
THE SUN TIMES	B.O.R. MEETING DATES	84.00
THE SUN TIMES	B.O.R. MEETING DATES	84.00
THE SUN TIMES	B.O.R.DATES, BUDGET,MINUTES	210.00
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FORM941 2017 1QTR 38-2165631	1,252.46
VERIZON	TWP.HALL BROADBAND 03/01-03/28	40.82
VICTOR L. LILICH, J. D.	LEGAL SERV-BATESON 02/01/17-02/28/17	4,374.20

\$ 28,083.98

**PAYROLL MARCH 13, 2017**

Emp. Name	Gross	Salary EMPEES	Plann Comm. Mtgs	Hourly Paid EMPEE	SS (EMPEE)	SS (EMPER)	MediCR (EMPEE)	MediCR (EMPER)	MERS (EMPEE)	MERS (EMPER)	Empl. Net Pay
BATER	2253.67	2253.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.68	32.68	112.68	112.68	2108.31
CAPLIS	619.15	0.00	0.00	619.15	38.39	38.39	8.98	8.98	0.00	0.00	571.78
COLTRE	260.10	0.00	260.10	0.00	16.13	16.13	3.77	3.77	0.00	0.00	240.20
CONSIGLIO	351.90	0.00	351.90	0.00	21.82	21.82	5.10	5.10	0.00	0.00	324.98
GREENLEAF	260.10	0.00	260.10	0.00	16.13	16.13	3.77	3.77	0.00	0.00	240.2
HAVENS	2513.77	2253.67	260.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.45	36.45	125.69	125.69	2351.63
HELLER	938.00	0.00	0.00	938.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.90	46.90	891.10
LAIER	275.92	275.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	13.80	13.80	258.12
LUICK	275.92	275.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	13.80	13.80	258.12
MAIER	2253.67	2253.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.68	32.68	112.68	112.68	2108.31
PRIELIPP	260.10	0.00	260.10	0.00	16.13	16.13	3.77	3.77	0.00	0.00	240.2
SCHAUER	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	11.16	11.16	2.61	2.61	0.00	0.00	166.23
SENSOLI	173.40	0.00	173.40	0.00	10.75	10.75	2.51	2.51	0.00	0.00	160.14
SIAS	260.10	0.00	260.10	0.00	16.13	16.13	3.77	3.77	0.00	0.00	240.2
	10,875.80	7,312.85	1,825.80	1,737.15	(146.64)	146.64	(144.09)	144.09	(425.55)	425.55	10,159.52
											10,159.52

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2016-2017 Increased Inspection Activity in and Around County Drains** – County staff/contractors are in white pick-up trucks and most inspection work has already been completed.

**Washtenaw County Cleanup Day** - Saturday, May 13, 2017, 9 am – 2 pm at Chelsea High School. Flyer is on the Township website.

**Requests for Resident Support Funds** from both the W.A.V.E. and Chelsea Senior Center – WAVE and Chelsea Senior Center have joined together to provide rides to township resident to and from the Senior Center so that they may participant in activities.

#### **REPORTS:**

Zoning Report for February, 2017: Tom Caplis

- 1 new home permit – 1812 Guenther Rd.
- 2 enforcements (violations written or investigated) for the month.
  1. Verified trailer removal from Jackson Road site
  2. Court date cancelled for Caesar fence issue as owner applied for ZBA hearing. ZBA denied variance and letter has been sent for owner to comply by 4/1/2017.

Chelsea Area Construction Agency (CACA): Greg McKenzie

- CACA will be meeting on 3/15/17 to take sidewalk bids and for budget approval. Income is doing well and expenses are controlled.
- Also at the 3/15 meeting will be the approval of the new, permanent sign in front of the CACA building. Cost to Lima Township is only \$200 for the face panels of the sign.
- Kim Spittler is doing more of the Bldg. & Planning inspections as a second inspector and would be a good candidate for a replacement inspector.
- Still waiting for dispute resolution with the State over CACA's administration of soil erosion control.

Capital Improvements: Ed GreenLeaf

- No meeting scheduled for March

CAPT/DART: Ed Greenleaf

- Met on 3/8/17 with the City of Chelsea planners, and two council persons to discuss their growth issues and difficulty moving traffic through town with the potential of two new developments - one by Cavanaugh Lake Road across from CRC and one on Freer Road.

Cemeteries: Ed Greenleaf

- Florence Beach property stake has still not been found. A good metal detector may be able to locate it.

Chelsea District Library: Elizabeth Sensoli (arrived later)

- Library is accepting photos from district residents for the cover of the next newsletter.

Planning Commission: Nanette Havens

- Met on 2/27/17 and will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month
- Discussed the Non-Motorized Pathway through Lima Township
- Checking sign ordinance language from other townships
- Two public hearings set for 3/27/17 for Burns Lawncare SUP - Pole Barn, and St. Vladimir SUP Trailer & Cemetery
- Township still waiting to see if City of Chelsea wants to enter into 425 agreement for Wolf property.

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA): Nanette Havens

- There will be less back-up at the Chelsea High School location for the Cleanup day on 5/13/17.
- WWRA will be presenting to Sylvan and Webster Townships to see if their residents are willing to pay the \$26.00 per household as the other Townships are doing to use the recycling bins.
- Chelsea Update ran a column on 3/13/17 regarding clean glass recycling. Glass must be put in separate bins marked for glass only or it will be treated as trash. The Werkner Road Facility also has a bin just for glass.

Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE): Arlene Bareis

- W.A.V.E. meeting was canceled for March.

Clerk's Report: Elaine Bater

- The Election Commission met on March 1, 2017 and split Lima Township into two precincts by school districts. Chelsea School District is precinct 1 and Dexter Community Schools is precinct 2. New voting ID cards will be mailed to the new precinct voters after 3/31/17.
- Everyone in the State will be receiving new tabulating voting equipment.
- The website is an on-going process and suggestions are welcome.

CAFA: Craig Maier

- Next meeting will be March 28, 2017 at 7 p.m., Chelsea Council Chambers
- Chief Arbini is now on board and doing well. The interim chief will be staying on until the end of the month as deputy chief.

Supervisor's Reports: Craig Maier

- Bateson litigation update: Filed for contempt of court due to failure to pay court costs to Township – court date 3/23/17. Also filed a petition with Michigan Court of Appeals for Superintending Control forcing Judge Connors to make rulings on Bateson issues.
- Eager to get started on the planned road projects this year

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** William Coltre commented on the proposed development on Freer Road along with the adjacent properties and traffic concerns. Mr. Coltre also commented on the long-going Bateson issues and related costs to the township. Bill Davidson thanked the Board for their time and support for the residents on Dexter-Chelsea Road. Gary Adams suggested the township create a development master plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Laier, supported by Luick to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Bater, Lima Township Clerk