

**MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to Order by Supervisor John Gast at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Payne called the roll. Board members present were John Gast, Supervisor; Gloria Payne, Clerk; Betty Korcek, Treasurer; Terry Eichler, Trustee; William "Bill" Geukes; James Stine, Jr., Trustee and Trustee Tom Carson. Eleven visitors were present in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & AGENDA AMENDMENTS

It was moved by Eichler seconded by Korcek to approve one addition to the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Korcek seconded by Geukes to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2006 Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Stine seconded by Geukes to approve the May 2006 bills totaling \$264,678.74. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE PACKET

The following information was included in board members packets: MTA Weekly Legislative Report; Lake Township Water Filtration Plant monthly report; Medic I Agenda and meeting minutes; Lake Charter Township Planning Commission meeting minutes; Lake Charter Township Visioning Session minutes; Galien River Sanitary Sewer Authority Agenda and meeting minutes; Baroda Township bills and press release; Park Committee Agenda 911 Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Baroda Township, Baroda Village and Lake Charter Township joint meeting minutes; Lake Charter Township Fund Balances; a Futuring Report prepared by Williams & Works developed out of the Visioning Session held on May 13, 2006.

Copies of checks from GRSD Interceptor Reimbursement and Metro Funds. Lake Michigan Mailers Postage Savings Statement; Lake Charter Township 2005 Earnings Report; MTA Publication regarding SOS (Stop OverSpending). Letter complimenting Jim Gast; Notice of Public Review and Comment Period for the proposed SWMC Participation Plan for the transportation planning process in southwest Michigan; Letter from Western Insurance regarding a dividend check for worker's compensation; Letter from Merritt Engineering regarding Snow Road water main replacement.

REPORTS

B. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Gast reported as follows:

- a. Attended Medic One Meeting;
- b. Attended Galien River Sanitary District Authority meeting;
- c. Attended Wine Trail Festival meeting;
- d. Attended Utility Board meeting;
- e. Attended four (4) modules of the Unified Incident Command;
- f. Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- g. Attended Berrien County Disaster Drill at the Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds;
- h. Attended 911 Advisory Committee meeting;

- i. Attended Public Hearing of GRSDA Revolving Fund Application;
- j. Attended joint meeting with Baroda Township, Baroda Village and Lake Township.

B. Clerk's Report

Clerk Payne reported as follows:

- a. Met with Burnham & Flower regarding Pension Plan;
- b. Met with Duane Janka of Edward Jones regarding Pension Plan;
- c. Attended Utility Board meeting;
- d. Attended joint meeting with Baroda Township, Baroda Village and Lake Township;
- e. Attended Growth Alliance meeting;
- i. Attended Chamber of Commerce mixer;
- j. Attended Berrien County Clerk's Association Meeting at Lincoln Township;
- k. Attended training for Disabled Voter Equipment'
- l. Checked out Tower Hill Bridge and Baroda/Lake Township Police facility.

C. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Korcek reported as follows:

- a. Met with Burnham & Flower regarding Pension Plan;
- b. Attended Growth Alliance meeting;
- c. Attended Chamber of Commerce mixer;
- d. Met with Duane Janka of Edward Jones regarding Pension Plan;
- e. Attended Firemen's Pancake breakfast;
- f. Attended Park Committee meeting;
- g. Attended joint meeting with Baroda Township, Baroda Village and Lake Township;
- h. Attended Utility Meeting;
- i. Attended Berrien County Treasurer's Association meeting;
- j. Checked out Tower Hill Bridge and Baroda/Lake Township Police facility;
- k. Visited Water Plant, Maintenance Department and Park.

Taxes will be run on June 22, 2006, processed and in the mail by June 29, 2006. Deferment is now set at \$37,500.00. All those applying must fill out the form prior to September 14, 2006. Board of Review is scheduled for July 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. This Summer we collect 2/3rd of the taxes and 1/3rd in the Winter.

D. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Geukes reported that the Planning Commission reviewed planning and zoning costs for services and approved the proposed changes to the Water Ordinance.

E. Water Superintendent's Report

Water Superintendent Stewart Beach reported the second line for the reclaim basin is completed. Completed the Trenching and Shoring training. Will be attending the Corrosion Protection training.

F. GRSD Sewer Authority Report

Supervisor Gast reported the sewer plant expansion project is complete. The total cost was approximately \$9,000,000.00. For 2005 the operating revenue was \$1,396,834.00, operating expenses \$1,373,140.00, leaving a balance of \$23,694.00.

G. Police Department

Trustee Eichler reported the board met with officials from Baroda Township, Baroda Village and Lake Charter Township regarding a new Public Safety building.

H. Fire Department/Fire Chief

Trustee Eichler reported the pancake breakfast went well, 157 people attended. The firemen attended the Disaster Drill training at the Berrien County Fair grounds.

Chief Heyn reported sixteen calls were dispatched, of which eleven were medic and one cancellation.

VIII. Park Report

Treasurer Korcek report fifteen trees were planted. The moles are back again. The dugout will be completed in August and the gazebo in November.

J. Library Report

Lillian Svitil reported no meeting was held. It is scheduled for June 20, 2006. The Library dedication and 40-year celebration will be held July 1, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. The book and bake sale is July 6,7,8, 2006. The parking lot is being striped. There are 100 kids registered for the Summer reading program. The roof was inspected and a report is due in three weeks.

K. Cemetery Committee Report

Clerk Payne reported that two burials were conducted in the month of May 2006, and the blue plastic water lines are being replaced at the cemetery.

AGENDA ITEMS

Tax Abatement Request of St. Joe Tool Company

Supervisor Gast introduced Sharon Tyler of Berrien County Manufacturers Council. She reported that Henry A. Braddock III of St. Joe Tool Co., is requesting Establishment of an Industrial Development District for the property located at 11521 Red Arrow Highway, 11547 North Hildebrandt Road Property Tax No. 11-11-0136-0011-00-3 and 11587 North Hildebrandt Road, Property Tax No. 11-11-0136-0012-05-1. It was moved by Carson seconded by Eichler to set the Public Hearing for July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to establish an Industrial Development District. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Carson seconded by Eichler to set the public hearing to grant an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for St. Joe Tool Co., for July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The company is a manufacturer of custom precision machine products. The company straightens and cuts lengths of steel coil. The company is located in a 35,000 square foot building at 11521 Red Arrow Highway in Lake Charter Township. The exemption is sought for a 24,000 square foot manufacturing building, and a 6,000 square foot storage building, paving, furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment. Real Property \$485,000.00. Personal Property \$303,000.00 for a total project cost of \$788,000.00. All ayes, motion carried.

MTA Dues

Supervisor Gast brought before board members the Michigan Townships Association dues for 7/01/2006 through 6/30/2007 in the amount of \$5,431.44. Clerk Payne reported due to revenue sharing cuts, the MTA has not raised their rates. It was moved by Korcek seconded by Payne to approve the Michigan Township Association dues for 7/01/2006 through 6/30/2007 in the amount of \$5,431.44. All ayes, motion carried.

Liquor License Resolution

Supervisor Gast brought to board members a letter from the State of Michigan, along with a resolution transferring an on-premises liquor license from O'Malleys to Red Arrow Investment Group, Inc. Clerk Payne inquired whether there would be topless activity? Shawn Brown of 9430 Date Road, Baroda, Michigan was present and responded that the only entertainment would be a piano bar. It was moved by Carson seconded by Stine to approve the transfer of the liquor license to Red Arrow Investment Group, Inc. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution Sempra Development Agreement

Supervisor Gast brought before board members a Resolution to terminate the Sempra Development Agreement. Trustee Stine had questions and concerns regarding the way the wording read regarding the zoning designation. This agenda item was tabled for the July 17, 2006 meeting to get additional information.

Renewal of Volunteer Firefighter Insurance

Supervisor Gast reported that the volunteer firefighters' insurance is up for renewal. There are four options, our current plan \$8,242.00, Plan 1 \$9,977.00, Plan 2 \$14,866.00 and Plan 3 \$20,687.00. After discussion, it was moved by Payne seconded by Geukes to approve the present plan option in the amount of \$8,242.00 for a three-year period. All ayes, motion carried.

Dry Sludge Hauler

Supervisor Gast presented to board members two proposals for selecting a dry sludge hauler. Fred M. Ott \$180.00 per load and D'Agostino Excavating \$175.00 per load. A load consists of 22,000 tons and can be

hauled on a double axle dump. It was moved by Payne seconded by Stine to approve D'Agostino Excavating to haul the dry sludge for \$175.00 per load. Six ayes, one nay. Motion carried.

Corrosion Protection Cast and Ductile Iron Water Piping

Supervisor John Gast presented to the board information regarding corrosion protection for repaired cast and ductile iron water piping.

The water plant spends monies on excavating cast and ductile iron water distribution piping and installing leak repair clamps. These are often due to the pipe being installed in corrosive soils. Simply installing a repair clamp as a long term solution is not enough. Galvanic anodes in addition with repair clamps is a cost-effective procedure and reduces future leaks.

A quote from Corpro Companies, Inc., was submitted. For ten (10) cathodic components which include packaged galvanic anodes with lead wires, weld molds and handles, weld charges, weld caps and mastic and miscellaneous wiring, the cost was \$3,495.00 which includes training.

Trustee Geukes indicated that it would be worth a try and see how it performs. It was moved by Carson seconded by Geukes to approve \$3,495.00 to purchase ten (10) cathodic components which include packaged galvanic anodes with lead wires, weld molds and handles, weld charges, weld caps and mastic and miscellaneous wiring. All ayes, motion carried.

Proposal Internet 2000 Service Area Wireless Internet

Supervisor Gast introduced Steven M. Van Wieren of Internet 2000. He presented to board members a request to place a broadband antenna on the Lake Township water tower. The installation is simple and requires no welding or drilling into the tower. A protective wrap is used to prevent any possibility of creating corrosion problems. The proposal includes some income now and the possibility of additional income in the future. The water plant building could be connected at no charge. Several contracts have been negotiated with other municipalities where only a cash payment is offered at \$100.00 per month. It is common for locations to generate about \$400.00 per month. All required equipment is already in stock and can be deployed in five (5) days from contract closing.

A list of questions were addressed and answered. After discussion, it was moved by Payne seconded by Geukes to allow Internet 2000 to place a broadband antenna on the Lake Township water tower, after review of the contract by Township counsel, allow Supervisor Gast to sign the contract. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Loren Berndt expressed his concerns regarding the hole on Shawnee Road at Woodland Shores Baptist Church, the fact that the lawns by the pavilions at the Park are looking bad. He objected to purchasing flowers for the departed and food for the utility board meetings.

Brad Reitz asked whether Lake Township would be reimbursed from the school for the Bridgman Public School Board election that was held in May 2006. Clerk Payne responded that we will get reimbursed.

Tom Carson expressed his disgust of the way Hinchman Road was chipped and sealed by the Berrien County Road Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for July 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Utility Board is scheduled for July 11, 2006 at 12:00 Noon, Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Master Plan update meeting is June 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Board of Review meeting July 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further objection and no further business it was moved by Korcek seconded by Carson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor