

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 27, 2003**

Approved as corrected December 1, 2003.

DATE: October 27, 2003  
TIME: 5:00 PM  
PLACE: 58000 Grand River

Call to Order: Supervisor Shigley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Joseph Shigley, Supervisor  
Patricia Carcone, Treasurer  
Pamela Johnson, Clerk  
Ray Bisio, Trustee  
Daniel Cash, Trustee  
Steven Adams, Trustee  
Lannie Young, Trustee

Also Present: Matt Quinn, Township Attorney  
Chris Olson, Township Superintendent  
Loren Crandell, Township Engineer  
Les Cash, Fire Chief

Guests: 1

**1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Harold Grove, 28735 Hovey Lane, briefly discussed the Social Security increase, which was 2.1%.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Ms. Carcone made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Ms. Johnson supported the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All  
Nays: None

Motion approved.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

## **A. Review and Adoption of the proposed 2004 Budget**

Mr. Olson reviewed and discussed further changes that were made to the proposed budget for 2004. There was discussion with regard to the changes. Mr. Olson reviewed the history of past budget adoptions for 1999 through 2003 as to when the budgets were submitted and the number of workshops that they had.

Mr. Young stated that the budget is fragile right now. They need to attack and cut where they can or possibly raise taxes, which nobody wants to do. There was discussion as to where the budget can be cut.

Ms. Carcone stated that she has been proud to be part of the Board for the thirteen years. During that time they have never raised taxes. She noted that Lyon Township has the lowest taxes in Oakland County. She stated that this administration has raised the Township's bond rating to an A-. She briefly discussed her department. She stated that she has not expended anything this year. She stated that she has 2 part time girls in her department, which she feels are underpaid. She stated that there is nowhere in her budget that she can cut.

Ms. Carcone stated that she felt that Mr. Olson did a wonderful job on the budget. She stated that it is the most complete that they have ever had.

There was brief discussion with regard to the Sewer Enterprise Fund and the amount of funds that are in this fund. Ms. Carcone noted that there is over \$500,000 in this fund.

There was discussion with regard to ways of raising revenue for the Township. Mr. Bisio stated that he has heard different suggestions tonight on how to raise revenues, one of which is the possibility of raising the quarterly sewer rates.

Mr. Shigley stated that they do have a budget in front of them and it is time to either make a motion or table for additional information.

Mr. Young made a motion to adopt the 2004 budget by activity in the general fund and by fund in all the other operating and debt service funds as attached. Ms. Carcone supported the motion.

Mr. Shigley asked if there were any comments regarding the motion from the Board. There were none. He then asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Roll Call Vote:                   Ayes:           Cash, Young, Johnson, Carcone  
  Nays:           Bisio, Adams, Shigley

Motion approved.

**B. Joint Executive Session for Planning Commission and Board regarding New Hudson Ring Road**

Mr. Olson stated that there will be a presentation by the Township Engineers and Township Planners.

Ms. Carcone made a motion to take a recess until 6:00 PM. Ms. Johnson supported the motion.

Voice Vote:                   Ayes:           All  
  Nays:           None

Motion approved. Recess from 5:45 PM to 6:00 PM.

Mr. Adams made a motion to close the special Board meeting and go into an Executive Session regarding property acquisition and the New Hudson Ring Road. Mr. Young supported the motion.

Voice Vote:                   Ayes:           All  
  Nays:           None

Motion approved.

The special Board meeting was closed and the Executive Session began at 6:08 PM.

Ms. Carcone made a motion to close the Executive Session and re-open the special Board meeting of October 27, 2003. Mr. Bisio supported the motion.

Voice Vote:                   Ayes:           All  
  Nays:           None

Motion approved.

The Executive Session was closed and the special Board meeting was re-opened at 7:29 PM.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:                   NONE**

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Carcone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bisio supported the motion.

Voice Vote:	Ayes:	All
	Nays:	None

Motion approved. The special Board meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Deby Cothery**

Deby Cothery  
Recording Secretary

Pamela Johnson  
Clerk