

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2008**

Approved as submitted April 7, 2008.

DATE: March 3, 2008
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 58000 Grand River

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: Present: Lannie Young, Supervisor
Patricia Carcone, Treasurer
Pamela Johnson, Clerk
Dan Cash, Trustee
Brent Hemker, Trustee
John Hicks, Trustee
Chriss Roberts, Trustee

Also Present: Matthew Quinn, Township Attorney
Chris Doozan, Township Planner
Leslie Zawada, Township Engineer
Al Hogan, Building Official
Les Cash, Fire Chief

Guests: 20

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2008
- Approval of Disbursements
- Approval of Park Use for Spark Plugs Car Club
- Building Department Report for January, 2008
- Fire Department Report for January, 2008
- Zoning Report for January, 2008
- Engineer Status Report for January, 2008

Ms. Carcone moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hicks, Johnson, Young, Roberts, Cash, Hemker, Carcone
Nays: None

Motion approved.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hicks stated that the Township will have a booth at the taste and business expo is this Sunday.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dave Cue, Lyon Township Firefighter, briefly discussed calls that they have in the DDA sections. He also re-iterated his comments from last month with regard to what Grand Ledge is doing.

Don Collick, Lyon Township Fire Inspector, briefly discussed the possibility of a business license. He indicated that he would like the Board to pursue this.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following issues were added to the end of New Business:

- (d) Business Licensing
- (e) South Lyon Junior League
- (f) Reconsideration of the Sign Agreement for Lyon Crossing

Mr. Cash moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:	Ayes: All
	Nays: None

Motion approved.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Michael Teagan – Blight and Zoning Violation (Tabled from January & February meetings)

Mr. Teagan indicated that this issue is in court and that he would wait to see how that ended up. The Board took no action.

b. Planning Commission Term Expiration

Mr. Young indicated that he has spoken with Laura James who has informed him that due to time constraints she will no longer be able to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Young asked the Board to give him month to find a candidate to recommend to the Board.

Ms. Johnson noted that there has been conversation with regard to Mr. Hicks becoming the Board Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals and that Mr. Roberts would become the Board Liaison to the Planning Commission. She questioned if the Board could take action on this.

Mr. Young moved to appoint Chriss Roberts as the Board Liaison to the Planning Commission. Ms. Carcone seconded the motion. Term expiration would be to November 2008.

Voice Vote:	Ayes: All
	Nays: None

Motion approved.

Mr. Young moved to appoint John Hicks as the Board Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Carcone seconded the motion. Term expiration would be set to November 2008.

Voice Vote:	Ayes: All
	Nays: None

Motion approved.

c. Request for Full Time Zoning Enforcement Officer

The Board members commented on the request for a full time zoning enforcement officer. Several of the Board members were not in favor of this. Some of the Board members felt that there is a need for this position, but this is not the right time because of the economy.

Mr. Hogan stated that he is still in favor of this position. He briefly discussed what they have been doing in the building department that would warrant this position.

Two residents commented on this issue, one in favor of the position and one opposed.

Mr. Cash moved to hire Amanda Schmitz as the full time zoning enforcement officer for the amount budgeted, \$33,554. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hicks, Roberts, Cash
 Nays: Carcone, Hemker, Young, Johnson

Motion failed.

d. Second Reading and Proposed Adoption of Text Amendments to the Private Road Ordinance

Mr. Quinn reviewed the proposed amendments to this ordinance. He noted that both sections, 36-4 and 36-5, were approved for a first reading at the last meeting. Mr. Quinn was directed to bring this back in written form to the next meeting

Ms. Carcone moved to table the second reading and proposed adoption of text amendments to the private road ordinance. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All
 Nays: None

Motion approved.

There was Board discussion and comments given by resident, Lise Blades, and Chief Cash.

e. Second Reading and Proposed Adoption of Text Amendments to Special Events & Other Uses Ordinance

Mr. Quinn stated that this is not ready for the Board this evening. He requested that the Board table this issue until next month.

Ms. Carcone moved to table the second reading and proposed adoption of text amendments to the special event and other uses ordinance. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All
 Nays: None

Motion approved.

f. Sign Quotes – Trustee Hicks

Mr. Hicks addressed the questions that were posed at the last meeting. He indicated that he feels more comfortable with Jiffy Signs, who quoted \$1,800 for 10 signs.

Mr. Hicks moved to approve the purchase of 10 "Welcome to Lyon Township" signs for the purchase price of \$1,800 from Jiffy Signs, Inc. Mr. Cash seconded the motion.

Don Collick, Lyon Township Fire Inspector, noted that many aluminum address signs have been stolen and melted down.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carcone, Hicks, Roberts, Young, Johnson, Cash, Hemker
Nays: None

Motion approved.

g. Liquor License Transfer to 20889 Pontiac Trail (Tabled from January 7th agenda)

Mr. Quinn stated that the site has been reviewed and the application has been completed. He stated that the resolution, presented to the Board by the State, is ready for the Board's consideration. He noted that the Board needs to consider the transfer of the Class C license to the location of 20889 Pontiac Trail for the new business known as Lyon Grill LLC. The second item the Board has to consider is if they want a dance permit at this location.

Ms. Carcone resolved that the Township approve the transfer of ownership of the 2007 Class C license excluding the dance permit to 20889 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178, Lyon Township Michigan. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carcone, Hemker, Johnson, Hicks, Roberts, Young, Cash
Nays: None

Motion approved

Mr. Hemker moved to direct the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to include within their department recommendation to the Liquor Control Commission the condition of the construction of the building within which the applicant is utilizing the license be completed and approved in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, codes and ordinances. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hicks, Johnson, Carcone, Cash, Roberts, Young, Hemker
Nays: None

Motion approved.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposal from Dixon Engineering for Inspection Services during Refurbish of Blue Cross Tower

Ms. Zawada reviewed the information in the Giffels-Webster Engineers letter dated February 12, 2008 regarding this issue.

Ms. Carcone moved to approve Dixon Engineering in the amount of \$25,220 for the Blue Cross Blue Shield water tower construction inspection. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carcone, Hicks, Roberts, Hemker, Young, Johnson
Nays: Cash

Motion approved.

b. Award of Painting Bid for Blue Cross Water Tower

Ms. Zawada reviewed the information in the Giffels-Webster Engineers letter dated February 25, 2008 regarding this issue.

Ms. Carcone moved to approve Horizon Brothers in the amount \$279,500 for the Blue Cross Blue Shield water tower refurbishing. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Hemker, Carcone, Young, Roberts, Hicks
 Nays: Cash

Motion approved.

c. Discussion of Codified Ordinance Regarding Retiree Health Insurance

Mr. Young briefly explained why he requested this issue be placed on the agenda. Comments were made by several Board members. It was determined that a sub-committee made up of Dan Cash, Brent Hemker and Patty Carcone would be formed to study this issue. Mr. Quinn noted that he would work with the sub-committee. The sub-committee will bring their findings back to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Young moved to appoint a committee made up of Brent, Dan and Patty to review and come back to the Board with a recommendation with regard to retiree health care. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All
 Nays: None

Motion approved.

d. Business Licensing

General Board discussion determined that a sub-committee of Chriss Roberts, John Hicks and Don Collick would be formed to research this issue and bring it back to the Board at a later date.

e. South Lyon Junior League

Todd Star, South Lyon Junior League, expressed concern with the fee to play at the little league diamonds in the park. He indicated that they budgeted an amount, but since the fee was increased, it is not enough. He proposed that the Board allow them to pay \$1,800 this one time, in lieu of the full amount of \$2,310.

Ms. Carcone moved to approve a one year special fee for the South Lyon Junior League to use the baseball fields in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Roberts, Carcone, Cash, Hicks, Young, Johnson
 Nays: Hemker

Motion approved.

f. Reconsideration of the Sign Agreement for Lyon Crossing

Mr. Young moved to reconsider the motion made for the single panel sign for Lyon Crossing. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All
 Nays: None

Motion approved.

Tony Antone, Kojaian, and the Board discussed the motion made at the last meeting regarding the proposed pole sign. Mr. Antone reassured the Board that he would only install the pole sign, if he has a user. If there is no user, the sign will not be constructed.

Ms. Carcone moved to amend the Lyon Crossing Planned Development Agreement for a 100' monopole sign located at the northeast corner of lot 10. A maximum of three tenants can be identified on the sign with a triple tenant configuration. Each tenant panel measures 77 square feet with a total sign area measuring 239 square feet. Electronic digital display signage is not permitted. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hicks, Cash, Roberts, Carcone, Johnson, Young, Hemker
 Nays: None

Motion approved.

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Carcone moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Young seconded the motion. The meeting was recessed at 8:55 PM.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All
 Nays: None

Motion approved.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION NONE

Respectfully Submitted,

Deby Cothery

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Recording Secretary

Pamela Johnson
Clerk