

September 29, 2014

LAPEER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Lapeer Township Offices and Community Building
1500 Morris Road, Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, Michigan

Board Present: Clerk Dawn Walker, Supervisor Scott Jarvis, Treasurer Lori Ann Taylor, Trustees Phil Thick and Bill Blaine.

Others Present:
Ada Devor, 60 W. Sutton Road
Barbara Pasternack, 2914 E. Hunters Creek Road
William Ryan, 2812 Clark Road
Mary Margaret, 450 W. Sutton Road
Jeffrey O'Brien, 2555 S. Lapeer Road
Alon Marie, 4187 Brocker, Metamora
David Stone, 210 Pine Bluff
Jim Boldt, 45 W. Hunters Creek Road
Jesse Robles, 2756 Clark Road
Jack and Catherine Wnuk, 386 W. Hunters Creek Road
James Periso, 2569 Clark
Ted Berger, 2835 Clark
Larry Schultz, 226 W. Hunters Creek
Wes Wickham, 2517 Clark Road
Stephen and Sonia Stacherski, 2544 S. Lapeer Road
Susan Ruvido, 2831 Wilder Road
Eric Johnson, 2659 Clark Road

Supervisor Jarvis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Time: No public time.

Discussion by the board in regards to Lapeer County Emergency Medical Service. Supervisor Jarvis stated that he felt it important for the board to understand that in order for the Township to have no financial responsibility in so far as the LCEMS agreement we need to resign from the authority prior to September 30th. Further discussion on the financial position of the authority took place. Clerk Walker stated that there needs to be a finance person in charge of the finance and budget at the authority.

Per capita payments by the municipalities are for the purchase of ambulances only. To change this per capita funding would need to become unrestricted.

Tabled.

Discussion in regards to opposition of the E.T. Rover pipeline commenced.

Jeffrey O'Brien spoke in regards to opposition of the pipeline. Concerns include the blast radius, aquifer contamination, potential hazards to our agricultural areas, no benefit to the community, loss of home values, potential terrorist target. He stated that E.T. Rover is strictly a business, they have no concern for our community.

Jack Wnuk added that he attended prior meetings and did not get any answers and is also opposed. He also added that persons that should be getting notification are not.

Bill Ryan, Larry Schultz and Sue Ruvido stated their opposition.

Alon Marie also voiced concerns that our fresh water is our greatest resource and it is at risk. She also stated that it is a 42 inch pipeline and voiced concern on property values.

Eric Johnson voiced opposition and offered ideas on venues places to house large informational meetings. He is also concerned about our emergency services being adequately equipped for a project such as this. Does the Township have legal counsel in regards to this.

Jesse Robles is concerned that a large pipeline in front of their in home daycare is a concern for parents.

Wes Wickham stated that information on pipelines is also available through the media (NBC, Flint Journal).

All persons agreed that opposition needs to happen in numbers. Supervisor Jarvis stated that the board should please review the Hadley, and Almont Township resolutions of opposition and that Lapeer Township needs to have a resolution of opposition to approve at the next board meeting.

A recess was taken at 11:10 a.m.
Public departed.
Meeting continued at 11:25 a.m.

The board continued with LCEMS discussion. Questions on what constitutes an ambulance base, how many bases exist and how many ambulances are in service. Lapeer Township will continue to monitor the ambulance service.

The Refuge homeless shelter/transitional housing providing for an open house to take place on October 25, 2014 at 1755 E. Newark Road. Board members are concerned that operation will commence without Township approval. Organizational meetings are taking place for the Refuge, there is one tonight at Stone Soup food pantry.

Moved by Thick, seconded by Blaine that a letter be drafted by Attorney Brian Garner to the Refuge that a homeless shelter/ transitional housing establishment is not an approved use within the AE Zoning district at Lapeer Township and a moratorium is in place. It was further motioned that a letter be drafted to be sent out by the end of the week as an open house is scheduled in mid-October. A vote was taken. Motion Carried.

Public Time: No public time.

Adjournment: *Moved by Blaine, support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m..*



Dawn M. Walker, CMC
Lapeer Township Clerk