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LEONI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 10, 2009

The Leoni Township Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan.

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor Todd Brittain, Clerk Michele Manke, and Trustees Joan Spicer, Judy Southworth, Dan Hunt, and Jerry Ambs.

Members Absent: Treasurer Brenda Vreeland

86 People in Attendance

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 6:03 p.m.

Closed at 6:13p.m.

Motion by Southworth, supported by Ambs to approve the agenda with the additions of letter regarding Chris Huttenlockers request for training under new business and Burning Ordinance Enforcement under Discussion

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Southworth supported by Spicer to approve the Minutes of October 12th & 13th, 2009 for the Regular and Special Board meetings as presented.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Spicer supported by Southworth to approve the Accounts Payable of October 15th, 20th, 21st, and November 10, 2009 in the amounts of \$15,382.46, \$1,722,652.51, \$81,636.00 and \$199,173.88.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, Brittain and Hunt

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Spicer supported by Ambs to approve the Departmental reports as presented.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by Spicer supported by Manke to approve the resolution for an “on-premises” for the 145 Truck stop located at 6100 Ann Arbor Rd.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, Brittain and Hunt

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC HEARING: Gillette’s Lake Aquatic Weed Control

Opened: 6:38 p.m.

Diane Cequeira – 991 Otney Dr.

Benn on this lake 5 years and feels that the lake has deteriorated in those 5 years. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lake residents signed the petition. They want to keep the lake natural; the weeds are bad for boats with props and would be very happy to be able to get the lake back to its original state. Wants the treatment to start this spring.

Heidi Patterson – 995 Otney Dr.

Been on the lake for 47 years. Does not agree with this weed assessment. Concerned about what the chemicals will do to her swans and other wildlife. Does not have issues with weeds. The older people on the lake say that the ice predicts the weeds.

Geoff Patterson – 995 Otney Dr.

Lived on the lake for 25 years and feels that the chemicals are not Mother Nature. Feels that years ago the lake was constantly used and now very little. Saved swans and considers them pets. 18 years ago the meetings were about the geese population on the lake and the swans have chased them away. The weeds are not a problem, if there is heavy ice in the winter the weeds are less the next year. Lake is beautiful and wonderful and wants to just leave it alone.

Craig Hashley – 1209 S Dettman Rd.

Owns a lot on the lake and is not happy about paying an assessment for weeds.

Rodney Wortman - 65 Shady Lane

Only owns 50 feet of frontage and wants the weeds taken care of!

Introduced Steve Hansin from Professional Lake Management

Steve explained the process and answered many questions regarding the spot treating, how the chemical targets the Eurasian milfoil, the effects of the habitats, the effects on the wildlife and the native plants in the lake. It is Professional Lake management's position that the chemicals will not harm the wildlife, the extraction of the milfoil will enhance the native plants and the lake will flourish.

Frank – 4417 Donnelly Rd.

What is the average cost per year?

Steve Goble – 1003 Otney Dr.

Are there any lakes that still have good swan life?

John VanRiper – 4225 Donnelly Rd.

His challenge to everyone is to give up a 6 pack of beer each week and make the investment in the lake for future generations.

Supervisor Brittain asked for a show of hands of who was in favor of the assessment district and at least 40 people raised their hands. He then asked for a show of hands of those who are opposed to the district and 5 people raised their hand.

Closed: 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Spicer supported by Manke to approve the resolution to create the Gillette's Lake Aquatic Weed Control District.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, Brittain and Hunt
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Manke supported by Southworth to approve the resolution to schedule a public hearing on the assessment roll for the Gillette's Lake Aquatic Weed Control District on December 8, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, Brittain and Hunt
0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Spicer supported by Hunt to approve the resolution for street lighting for 1264 & 1272 Lamoine.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, Brittain and Hunt

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Hunt supported by Southworth to approve the renewal for the assessor's certification at a cost of \$75.00 for Helene and \$125.00 for Cary.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, Manke, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, Brittain and Hunt

0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Southworth supported by Manke to approve Brian Thurston to be a co-director for the Public Safety Department.

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yeas, Manke, Ambs, & Southworth

3 Nays, Brittain, Hunt & Spicer **Motion Failed**

Motion by Hunt supported by Spicer to approve Brian Thurston to be the Public Safety Director and Mr. Thurston is to appoint the head of the Police agency with Board approval.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yeas, Southworth, Spicer, Ambs, Brittain and Hunt

1 Nays, Manke **Motion Carried**

Motion by Spicer supported by Southworth to table the request from Chris Huttenlocker for cross-training for further research.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Discussion regarding Hunting at the Treatment Plant, 3 month Budget v/s actual report, Intergovernmental Cooperation/job sharing and burning ordinance enforcement.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment Opened at 8:58 p.m.

Public Comment Closed at 9:03 p.m.

Motion by Spicer supported by Hunt to adjourn at 9:03p.m.

Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Michele Manke, Clerk