

**REGULAR MEETING
LENOX TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Trombly, Kethe, Turchi, Boyd
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ottenbacher
ATTORNEY PRESENT: Steven Joppich
RESIDENTS AND GUESTS PRESENT: 13
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Trombly requested that the following be added to the Agenda under New Business, **i.** 2016 Limestone Program, **m.** 2016 CDBG Funding, and **n.** Macomb County Sheriff Department Annual Spring Clean-up.

Motion by Turchi seconded by Boyd to approve the agenda with the three additions. All Ayes. Motion passes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boyd seconded by Turchi to approve the minutes of 3-7-2016 as presented. All Ayes. Motion passes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Schroeder, 31 Mile Road: I am here to speak about the Limestone Allocation Program. I was here last year about the same time stressing the need for limestone on 31 Mile Road. Last year Cam stated that our section of the road was the worst in all of Lenox Township. Cam and Leo from the Road Commission came out and looked at it last year, a little bit of limestone was put on one end. It did not really help much. Over the winter that road was really, really bad. It is basically a two track road now that is very dangerous. I ask you to consider putting a portion of the limestone allocation on 31 Mile Road. They need more material to be able to crown the road. It does not drain on the north side of the road; it is solid pot holes. Macomb County does a good job with grading, but with 1,000 cars a day it gets beat to death and within two days it is back to where it was. The ultimate thing would be to pave that portion, but I know economically it is just not feasible.

Clerk Kethe asked Schroeder if he discussed paving 31 Mile Road with his neighbors.

Schroeder: I am not familiar with the process, but Leo from the Road Commission said that they would not do it on their dime. Leo said he does not know what the program is or how to go about getting the funding, and that the County would need someone with expertise doing the work. I think most of the neighbors would be in favor of it. It is very dangerous and it tears up vehicles.

Kethe asked if they would be in favor of it if it was a special assessment that they would end up paying for.

Schroeder: As long as it's not radically high, then yes, assuming the cost would be per foot of frontage. I realize everyone needs their allocation, but the reality is that 31 Mile Road gets used far more than all the rest so it has got to be more frequently maintained.

Supervisor Trombly added that there are the same scenarios in other places. The Township tries to apply it as fair as possible. Richmond Lenox EMS Director Jeff White, DPW Superintendent Cam Trombly and Fire Chief Denny Fouchia locate where it is most needed as they are the ones who operate the emergency vehicles.

Schroeder: I am sure they would tell you that it is most needed there, only about one-third of a mile. Closer to Forest it drains decent and is not as bad, but toward Gratiot it is really bad- the north side is constantly under water.

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia interjected that 31 Mile from the Richmond City limits to Lowe Plank was done in 2005.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

1. RE-ALLOCATION OF 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG)

Motion by Turchi seconded by Kethe to open the Public Hearing at 7:38 PM. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia explained that the 2015 CDBG Allocation was \$37,100 for the remodeling of the old building, however that was not spent. The Township has until December 31, 2016, to spend that or lose it. The Supervisor's Office recommends that the Board re-allocate it to the 2016 Minor Home Repair Program.

Supervisor Trombly reported that Macomb County informed him that in order for the Township to use CDBG money to renovate the old Township Hall, that building could only be used for Senior purposes, which is just not feasible. A new program that could directly benefit Lenox residents has been started; however, the County has to teach a class how to disperse funds amongst the community on people of lower to moderate income that may need emergency repairs. Examples would be roof leaks or if a furnace goes out.

Clerk Kethe stated that the CDBG funds were to be used only for Brick & Mortar projects; it could not be used for services.

Motion by Turchi seconded by Kethe to close the public hearing at 7:43 PM. All Ayes. Motion passes.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under this Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Board and will be enacted by one motion. According to established Township meeting rules, there will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a member of the Board or public so requests at or prior to the meeting, in which event the chair of the meeting may remove such item(s) from the Consent Agenda for discussion and consideration under Agenda Item No. 7, below. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be by a majority roll call vote of those present and voting. Under the consent agenda are items a. Sheriff's Report, b. Fire Department Report, c. EMS Report, d. DPW Report, e. Code Enforcement Report, f. Assessing Department Report, g. Engineers Report, h. Library Report, i. Senior Center Report, j. Supervisor's Report, k. Treasurer's Report, l. Order and Bills in the amount of \$199,124.25, m. Trustees' Report.

Motion by Boyd seconded by Kethe to approve the consent agenda to include the Orders and Bills in the amount of \$199,124.25.

Roll Call: Boyd . Aye, Turchi . Aye, Kethe . Aye, Trombly . Aye. Motion passes.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WATER RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WRAP)

Attorney Joppich detailed that this program was presented by the Great Lakes Water Authority to provide assistance to residential water users who are in financial need of assistance with their water bills to help them with partial payment arrangements, etc., to help them avoid having their water shut off. The proposal involves an agreement which needs Board approval, which in turn potentially has an impact on the Township's Ordinances; there was concern that there might be conflicts with existing provisions in the Ordinances. Additionally, Township staff wanted additional time to look into the issues of the program. One of the questions that came up was whether residents of the Township that lived in mobile home parks could take

advantage of the program. He looked into issues relative to the Township's Ordinances and there is a provision that allows the Township to waive the collection requirements (penalties, etc.) that this program requires the Board to waive. The Board has authority under Ordinance to do what the agreement is calling upon the Township to do in the event a resident needs assistance. The other issue regarding the mobile home parks . an answer was received late Friday or early Monday, mobile home parks are served by a water system where the owner of the mobile home park is the customer, the person who pays the water bill for the entire mobile home park. This person divides the bill up amongst its owners and apportions it out amongst its residents and sends them bills, paying the Township one lump sum. As a result it does not extend to sub-users of a private entity that is paying the overall bill. From a legal standpoint, he is satisfied with the agreement and has no additional issues for the Township Board in terms of proceeding with this.

Motion by Turchi supported by Kethe to authorize Lenox Township to enter into the Water Residential Assistance Program better known as WRAP.

Boyd asked if someone should be officially assigned as program administrator.

Attorney Joppich remarked that that would be a good idea as well as authority of who is going to sign the agreement.

Turchi amended the motion to include that the Township Supervisor would act as the administrator of the Water Residential Assistance Program as well as the person authorized to sign the agreement. Supported by Kethe. All Ayes. Motion passes.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. RE-ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG)

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia remarked that the Supervisor's Office has exhausted every possible scenario of how to spend this money; every time they thought they had a good idea, the County would say no.

Motion by Turchi seconded by Boyd to re-allocate \$37,100 in 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funds to the 2016 Minor Home Repair Program. She would notify them Tuesday that the funds were re-allocated and make certain that the Township be notified when the class is scheduled.

All Ayes. Motion passes.

b. RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT RENEWAL

Brian Conway, Public Sector Representative for Waste Management of Michigan, was present for questions and concerns in support of the contract extension for solid waste services that Waste Management provides in Lenox Township. He provided a letter to the Board expressing commitment to the terms and conditions of the current contract and to offer a price freeze at the current rate that is in place. The price freeze is actually a price decrease as it has not been increased in over a five-year period. Waste Management employees receive increases every year and the company experiences increases in fuels and oils on a regular basis. He requested approval of this contract that would expire October 2016.

Boyd asked if it is a one or two year contract. Recycling was added as well as cart maintenance in recent agreements.

Attorney Joppich explained that the Board approved another one-year extension through October of this year.

Motion by Boyd seconded by Turchi to approve the contract extension for solid waste collection and disposal through Waste Management.

Attorney Joppich requested clarification on the duration of the extension.

Kethe understood that Waste Management is offering Lenox a one-year extension at this price.

Conway commented that the contract duration was left open, should the Board decide to extend this for two years- they certainly would honor the increase freeze for a two-year period.

Motion amended by Boyd seconded by Turchi to agree to extend the contract for two years. All Ayes. Motion passes.

c. ROCKETFEST DONATION REQUEST

Jessica Youngblood and Lori Lawrence explained that they are in charge of Rocketfest 2016. They have come to Lenox Township asking for the Board of Trustees support. The Village of New Haven gifted Rocketfest \$10,000 to be used toward events, they are still are about \$5,000 short for some other activities that they would like to include families in. The event will be held on July 16, 2016 at the New Haven High School with events all day, including a 5K race in the morning and a pancake breakfast after that. There will be food vendors and the Lenox library will be opening to allow kids to come in and listen to story time. They would like to bring in kiddie rides, mini Ferris wheel, photo booth, slides, inflatable obstacle course, and other activities if Lenox Township could provide support. New Haven School District has offered to help with advertising fees to be able to handle the printing costs.

Supervisor Trombly commented that Lenox Township does not have one event for residents other than the senior program. Youngblood stated that if Lenox Township donates, she could give sign recognition to the Township.

Clerk Kethe explained that there are four school districts in Lenox Township; she voiced concern about how the Board could justify giving to one district and not the others. Lenox Township approved a contract for a youth program that provided support and events for young people in areas including Lenox, but received considerable grief for that decision. Rocketfest is a one-day event and the Township is not supposed to donate taxpayer funds.

Trombly remarked that Lenox has given to the Aud in the past; Rocketfest is not specific to the New Haven School District. Attorney Joppich interjected that the Board has received donation requests for events and activities in the community, but the problem is that the Michigan State Constitution and Michigan State Law does not allow Townships to give away money or donate funds. It is against the law. It is against the Constitution. These are public taxpayer dollars. As a Township, which is a little different from a Village, there are definitely clear restrictions on the ability of what officials can expend money for. The Township can only expend funds for something that is authorized by statute . after-school programs for youth - there are specific statutes that allow that. Senior programs have a specific statute that allows that. Parks & Recreation has specific statutes for the Township to spend taxpayer funds for that. If there is not a statute allowing it, then the Township cannot spend the money on it. The second part of the test is if there is a statute that says a municipality can spend the money on it, is the Township conducting the activity or contracting with someone to provide the service. What the law is clear on is the Board cannot just give money away. The Township cannot give funds away if it is not authorized by statute. Events like a carnival- there is no authority under state law; the Township would be violating Michigan State Law by providing funding for a carnival. Trombly agreed regarding the carnival, but there are other events included, such as track & field events and a baseball tournament. He would think there has got to be some way the Township could do something to support this.

Joppich explained that there are specific statutes that allow the expenditure of money for fireworks for July 4 events, Memorial Day and Labor Day events. There are other activities that may fall under another statute and if there was a contract established with this group, and if it's an established organization, there may be some aspect that the Township may be able to fund- but he does not want to get anybody's hopes up.

Trombly asked if donating fireworks is an option.

Attorney Joppich explained only if it is for a 4th of July related event.

Youngblood commented that this would be similar to a mini-picnic that some Townships have. She is the president of the New Haven Education Foundation and Lori is the Treasurer and this is the first year they have taken on the planning responsibility. A committee has been formed and they would love to have representation from Lenox Township. They need support from everybody, not just with money but with time as well.

Trustee Turchi remarked that the Rocketfest sounds like a great event which would bring the community together, but the Township has had to be mindful of any kind of donation; as the attorney noted, donating is basically illegal for the Board to

approve. If there is something the Township Attorney finds that is legal to donate to that would be great. Another point to consider, what fund would the donation money come from?

Trustee Boyd agreed with Trustee Turchi. One of the things that Mr. Joppich said was if the Township was conducting the event, maybe next year Lenox could come have the carnival.

Youngblood explained that it is not too late for this year. The next meeting is the April 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the New Haven Elementary School Library. If there is a different way the Township would like to be involved, it does not have to be a carnival, the committee is looking for ideas.

Boyd explained that he works afternoons but would be there if possible.

Comment from the audience: I appreciate you trying to help out New Haven and for their Rocketfest, but as Trustee Boyd said, where would the money come from?

d. TOWNSHIP CELLULAR TELEPHONE CONTRACT REQUEST

Chief Denny Fouchia explained that he talked to an employee at the Sprint Store, who reviewed the Township's contract and proposed an updated contract. Over the two-year contract, he could save Lenox nearly \$1,000 with Cam and Denny receiving new phones for free every year. Currently the Township pays for six lines, eliminating one of the flip phones that is no longer used, would benefit as well.

Clerk Kethe explained that Building Inspector Dennis Lemieux is not in the building on a daily basis and may need a smart phone to get emails regularly. She suggested Fouchia go back to Sprint and discuss leasing three smart phones for himself, Cam and Dennis. By eliminating the phone that Amy has would leave two flip phones for the Code Enforcer and DPW Assistant. She understands that the Code Enforcer uses the Township phone only when he has to leave someone a phone number; to upgrade to a smartphone for him would not be practical.

Trustee Boyd wondered if it would be worth asking him if he just wanted to get rid of that phone and provide him with a stipend toward his personal phone.

Kethe remarked that he provides that phone number as he prefers not to give out his personal phone number.

Motion by Boyd to table this until Denny goes back to Sprint for the updates that were recommended by the Board.

Kethe commented that the Board may want to just authorize Denny to follow what was discussed.

Supervisor Trombly suggested a not to exceed price, possibly the \$5,508 total for the two-year contract.

Boyd clarified that Fouchia is going to ask Sprint to supply an additional phone with more gigabytes and ask them to not go up in price, he questioned whether Sprint would be able to ensure that.

Attorney Joppich explained that if the Board could not determine a not to exceed amount there would be an issue.

Boyd reiterated the motion was to table the cellular telephone contract until Fouchia comes back with the update recommendations from the Board.

Seconded by Kethe. All Ayes. Motion passes.

e. MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ROADS 2016 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

Clerk Kethe remembered that the Board has acknowledged that salt brine is not as good as chloride, but feels that it is better than nothing with what is forecasted to be a very hot and dry summer. The Board has accepted two free applications, authorized two additional applications, and if the 4th application was not completed, Macomb County gave the money back.

Supervisor Trombly interjected that last year the discussion was that it was non-effective and that the Board was wasting taxpayer funds. Lenox receives two free applications from the County so there would be two applications to start.

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia stated that in 2014 and 2015 the Board authorized three applications.

Comment from the audience: I do think it is effective and definitely keeps the dust down but it's all about timing. Last year we got lucky and it rained right before Good Old Days but right up until that point it was dusty as all get up. 31 Mile Road during

that week is the worst road in the entire year as there are thousands of vehicles every day. When I called Macomb County and asked them to get out with the brine, I was told that Lenox had used up all their applications.

Trombly said that the Board awarded the bid to Macomb County as to keep the money within the county, even though they were slightly higher, however, they subbed it out to the person who had the other bid. They are based in Leonard, Michigan. Once Lenox is scheduled for an application, they do not turn around whatever the forecast is.

Trombly remarked that Lenox gets the first two applications for free; each application after that costs \$22,440.00 for an approximate 3,000 gallons per mile.

Trustee Turchi inquired about omitting the May application and added an application closer to the Good Old Days Festival.

Kethe remarked that she doesn't think Macomb County would allow Lenox to take one of the free applications and schedule it when the Township wants it applied.

Comment from the audience: I am wondering if the whole Township would have to be done at the same time.

Trombly commented that the problem with that is that the argument would be that some properties got it and some did not. He gets more negative complaints and does not get a lot of positive feedback.

Comment from audience: inaudible

Trombly stated that when the limestone is in place and crowned right, graded right, it is almost like cement.

Kethe said the County graded her road just before the last rain and it was great for about ½ day, then it turned to muck.

Boyd asked Jeanette what the cutoff point would be when the Township decided an application was not going to be needed.

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia reported that Lenox must pay for any additional up front and pick the day.

Kethe commented that in 2015, the Township did not make the call, the Road Commission just never got around to doing it.

She thinks the Board should at least approve three applications.

Motion by Boyd seconded by Kethe to approve the Dust Control Program for 2016, schedule the free applications in May and June, and to purchase a third application for some time in August to be determined by weather conditions.

Comment from the audience: What is the quality of the brine that they use? As far as he's concerned its water. How do we determine that they will be using a quality product when they are doing their job? There is nothing in State Regulations or County regulations?

Kethe explained that they are calling this well brine, it's not chloride; it is salt water.

Comment from the audience: They cannot use chloride no more because it's salt but the brine they are using still has to have qualities to it, this is just like perking wine, the first stuff that comes off is junk. It's the same deal.

Comment: you still have to find out the quality of the material.

Trombly remarked that the only thing he can say is it is what the County has contracted with them.

Comment: That does not answer the question, but I will go see the County.

Trombly reported that he will share Bob Hoepfner's phone number from the Road Commission.

Kethe stated that funding for the roads comes from the Road Fund which can only be spent on the roads.

All Ayes. Motion passes.

f. 2016-2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Supervisor Trombly requested the Board discuss available dates for a budget workshop meeting.

Attorney Joppich explained that this is a scheduling item, if there is a consensus among the members; they can act by consensus, a motion is not necessary.

g. 2016 LENOX LIBRARY LAWN SERVICE REQUEST

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia explained that a letter was received from the Library Director requesting lawn care service for the library. They stopped using the Township DPW a couple years ago; now they want to have the DPW take care

of the lawn again. They could not find any documentation on what was charged in the past, so the DPW Superintendent calculated it out by what he figured it would cost.

Trustee Turchi remarked that there would be details in prior minutes or a record of payment in the Treasurer's Office.

Kethe said she doesn't have a problem charging the amount Cam suggested.

Motion by Kethe seconded by Boyd to allow the Lenox Township DPW to provide the lawn service for the Lenox Township Library at the cost of \$650.00. All Ayes. Motion passes.

h. OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Attorney Joppich explained that Michigan State Law effectively prohibits burning outside unless there is a local ordinance allowing it. The state permits allowance by local ordinance because they recognize some communities are more rural. The Township's Ordinance allows open burning provided that residents obtain a Fire Department permit to ensure that it is done safely and to make sure the Fire Department is aware of what is going on. In the Ordinance, there is a requirement that the open outdoor burning occur in a space that is no larger than three square feet and two feet high. This causes problems for farmers who clear land on their property to farm their fields; they can't very well burn in that small of an area. The consequences of this is that there are piles of unburned branches, etc. that are on the edge of wooded areas or other parts of their property. This is unsightly and is becoming a habitat for rodents and other small wildlife. He and Chief Fouchia have created a draft ordinance amendment that provides for open burning for farming operations, which have a few added requirements, as these could be potentially large fires. He said that they have also taken the opportunity to update the ordinance in a number of other ways. An updated draft ordinance was dispersed to the Board for their consideration. If the officials agree to the amendments, state law requires that communities with a population over 7,500 must send a copy to the Department of Natural Resources.

Chief Fouchia explained that one big issue was the area to an adjacent roadway, which must be a minimum distance of 250 feet from any roadway. The fire must be completely put out by sunset otherwise there would be the potential of getting calls in the middle of the night. Because the Fire Department cannot get off-road with fire trucks, it is written in the Ordinance that they have to have a piece of heavy equipment on site, being a backhoe or excavator.

Comment Mr. Rosseel: 250 feet is hard to believe that that's a necessity being that people burn their leaves in ditches along the road. Brush burns clean compared to leaves.

Chief Fouchia remarked as someone who has been in fire service for 30 years, he totally disagrees with that assessment of burning a pile of leaves in a ditch compared to a pile that Rosseel's have down on Gratiot that is 30 feet long by 20 feet high- there is no comparison. It burns hotter and many embers are released. If there is a dry spring, all burn permits would still be terminated.

Trombly inquired about putting the fire out each night as sometimes it would be difficult to put it out and start over the next day. If it was manned, with specifics in place, totally isolated, with proper equipment, and took precautions ahead of time with dispatch.

Fouchia acknowledged that something could be added that a large pile would have to gain department approval, as long as they would have someone onsite the entire time. This is not just for the Rosseel family; it is for all property owners in Lenox Township.

Joppich suggested the following: where the sunrise to sunset provision is in Section 6a1, unless an additional amount of time is specifically approved by the Fire Department and stated on the Open Burning Permit.

Chief Fouchia required that they would have to have someone onsite.

Attorney Joppich said he has some additional language being %unless an additional amount of time is specifically approved by the Fire Department and stated on the open burning permit with any conditions required by the Fire Department+.

Trustee Turchi inquired about campfires.

Chief Fouchia explained that campfires are not a requirement in Lenox Township Ordinance or Michigan State Law.

Comment from the audience: with the addition that you have suggested that someone would have to tend the fire. Would actually be written in the consent so they would be responsible for that?

Trustee Boyd inquired if these particular permits would go directly to the Fire Hall rather than the Township Hall.

Fouchia agreed, and added that he would have to instruct Veronica to send any special burn permits to the Fire Hall and direct these people to get them from the Fire Station issued by the Chief or the Assistant Chief.

Motion by Boyd to approve the proposed Open Burning Ordinance Amendments with the additions stated by Attorney Joppich.

Joppich presented a draft motion to the Board for consideration to make sure it is placed properly in the record.

Boyd amended the motion to add for the adoption and enactment of the Ordinance amending the Lenox Township Open Burning Ordinance, Part 49 Ordinance 3, of the Lenox Township Book of Ordinances to amend sections 2, 3, 4, and 6 for purposes of restating and clarifying the enabling authority prohibiting certain materials from being burned in designated areas of the Township and providing an exception for open burning as part of clearing land for farm operations.

Seconded by Turchi. All Ayes. Motion passes.

i. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE COMPENSATION REQUEST

Clerk Kethe reported that when the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) had an organizational meeting recently, discussion was held about compensation for the alternate. The ZBA alternate has not been paid in the past. There is a new alternate now and the ZBA would prefer to have them at every meeting, agreeing that the alternate be compensated. The ZBA suggested that \$25 per meeting for him to come to every meeting, whether he is going to be a voting member or not. If he is a voting member, he would receive regular pay. This compensation is only for the meetings he attends for learning purposes. Traditionally, there has been fewer than six meetings a year; the Board of Trustees must authorize this as they are the governing body for payroll. Motion by Boyd seconded by Turchi to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate to be paid \$25 per ZBA meeting, when they attend meetings, but are not a voting member. All Ayes. Motion passes.

j. VALIC RETIREMENT SERVICES COMPANY – REQUIRED PLAN UPDATE

Clerk Kethe explained that Internal Revenue Service regulations require that this document be updated periodically to incorporate law changes. All changes are attached to the paperwork; Board approval is necessary.

Motion by Boyd seconded by Turchi to approve the Resolution authorizing the amendment and restatement of the Valic Retirement Plan. All Ayes. Motion passes.

k. ADDITION OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HEADING TO AGENDA

Clerk Kethe detailed that when the Board of Trustees moved to the Consent Agenda, several times departmental reports were moved from the Consent Agenda to notify the public of messages or announcements. She would like to add a Public Announcement heading right after the Approval of Minutes and before Public Comment. It could be information like Blood Drives and other happenings that may interest the public.

Trustee Turchi feels this is a good idea because as she wanted to bring up something and there was no place to put it.

Motion by Turchi seconded by Kethe that in the Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda, a heading of Public Announcements be added between Approval of Minutes and Public Comment. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Attorney Joppich remarked that the Agenda is set in the Policy Manual; he would plug this in as an addition.

I. 2016 LIMESTONE PROGRAM

Supervisor Trombly remarked that the Macomb County Department of Roads has authorized limestone applications on three miles of gravel roads within each of the northern six Townships. The limestone costs \$14.67 per ton, therefore if a municipality chooses to participate with all three miles, the total estimated material cost for 15,000 tons would be \$220,050 bringing the

10% cost share paid by the Township to \$22,050.00. The three miles of roads would be chosen by Richmond Lenox EMS Director Jeff White, DPW Superintendent Cam Trombly and Fire Chief Denny Fouchia.

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia stated that in 2015, the Board approved one mile on 31 Mile Road from Lowe Plank Road going west to Kuster Road, one mile on 30 Mile Road from Haven Ridge going west to Bates Road, and then Frost Road from 28 to 27 Mile Roads. She has had discussions with Cam on what roads to do next and he has talked to some residents.

Supervisor Trombly stated he would not like to change how Lenox has been doing things. He would like to have these guys, as well as public input dictate where these applications go. He would like to stall as long as possible making a decision because when the road conditions dry up, then everyone will know which roads are really impacted.

Ventimiglia said she can tell us roads that she is getting complaints on.

Trustee Boyd said that he talked to Ray Township specifically, and it seems like Lenox is the only community who seems to apply limestone in a piece meal fashion. He wondered if the Township should consider doing one road at a time; a great place to start would be 31 Mile Road and Gratiot. Ray Township does all the east west roads and when those are done they will do the north south and then start over.

Ventimiglia said there are already a couple roads that have been completed: 31 Mile has been done from the city border to the other city border and same with Place Road except for 26 to 27 Mile roads.

Chief Fouchia remarked that it still goes back to what the traffic load is. Lowe Plank Road is a direct north south route to get people off Gratiot and bypass the city of Richmond. 31 Mile Road is used constantly. He approached the Road Commission two years ago to try and eliminate the truck traffic off of 31 Mile Road to no avail, because it's a County road they are entitled to drive on it. 31 Mile Road has been done, however the worst section, from the city limits to Forest Avenue, was done 11 years ago. That is why the three people that drive emergency vehicles need to make the decision what road needs it the most.

Ventimiglia said that Lowe Plank was done from 32 Mile to 30 Mile Road but has not been done south of that.

Trustee Turchi remarked that there are also underground springs that affect how the roads are. There is one on 31 Mile Road near Pashalk Road. It gets bumpier and mushier there. With all the rain there has been, waiting for a recommendation is better.

Chief Fouchia, spoke on behalf of all three departments, recommending that the Board of Trustees approve the spending and then the three departments, as well as residents, will make the recommendations.

Kethe said another section she would like looked at is the end caps on both sides of Gratiot Avenue all the way down 30 Mile, 29 Mile, 28 Mile, and Lowe Plank Road, coming up on Gratiot from any of the backroads.

Trombly commented that in dealing with the head of the Road Commission, he wants the residents to call him directly. He does not want the Township to call him, he wants to hear directly from the residents. If neighbors have any wants or needs please tell them to give him a call.

Motion by Kethe that we approve utilizing the limestone .

Comment from the Audience: What is the phone number that people need to contact and how do they know who to contact if they are not at this meeting- word of mouth?

Trombly stated that he can supply the phone number. The Board of Trustee Meetings are televised.

Comment from the Audience: I am going to guess not a lot of people watch that. Who is the head of the Road Commission? I don't know that.

Ron Trombly reported that he could get that information- his name is Bob Hoepfner and the contact number would be provided before the end of the meeting.

Comment: Inaudible.

Turchi explained that what the Supervisor is saying is that if the information is announced at the meeting here, it will be televised.

Comment: Inaudible.

Boyd said that when his son lived at home, every time Omo Road got bad, he would call the Road Commission. When he called enough times, they would come out and grade it.

Trombly said that he has called numerous times, every response he got was- I appreciate it, but tell the residents to call me direct.

Motion by Kethe seconded by Boyd to approve the limestone application on three miles of gravel roads, Lenox paying 10% of the total, roughly \$22,050, with Cam, Denny, Jeff White, and Sermed figuring out which roads need it. All Ayes. Motion passes.

m. 2016 CDBG FUNDING

Deputy Supervisor Jeanette Ventimiglia explained that she received a call from Macomb County regarding the New Baltimore Farmer's Market that the Board of Trustees approved to give some CDBG service funds to. They are no longer qualified as they did not meet the criteria. That \$250 in CDBG Funding must be reallocated to other services. It can be divided equally among the three; Turning Point, Care House, and Lenox Seniors.

Clerk Kethe commented that she would prefer to give it to the Senior Center for travel funding.

Boyd seconded that motion.

All Ayes. Motion passes.

n. SHERIFF'S ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

Supervisor Trombly detailed that inmates have been positioned to clean up debris and trash on the area roadways. If the Board would like to allow the inmates to conduct the work at no cost to the Township, he can contact the Sheriff. Waste Management takes care of Gratiot Avenue pretty good; Lowe Plank Road is definitely in need.

Trustee Boyd remarked that 29 Mile Road from Gratiot Avenue to the railroad tracks gets a lot of trash.

Trustee Turchi commented that Haven Ridge Road gets a lot of trash on the roadside too.

Motion by Boyd seconded by Kethe to allow the Supervisor's Office to bring in inmates for the Sheriff's Spring Cleanup and determine which areas that needs the most work. All Ayes. Motion passes.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ventimiglia got the Macomb County Directories and the Department of Roads phone number is: 586-463-8671. She has copies for anyone who wants one.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Turchi supported by Boyd to adjourn at 9:10 PM. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jodi Kethe
Clerk

Carol A. Swantek
Deputy Clerk