

**LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Regular Meeting
February 06, 2023

Chairman Mike Freehling called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 06, 2023 in the meeting room of the Municipal Building, 2055 West John Beers Road, Stevensville, Michigan 49127.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Marc Florian, Charlie Olszewski, Glenn Youngstedt, Chris Miller, Andy Barbott and Mike Freehling.
Absent: Tony Korican and Jim Pheifer, Building Official.
Also present: Recorder, Jacqueline Ross.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Youngstedt, seconded by **Olszewski** motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for January 09, 2023 as e-mailed. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAETY

The Department of Building Safety, year to date, has issued 0 permits for single family dwellings, last year there were 4. For the month of January 2023 there were 0 permits issued for single family dwellings. For the month of January 2022 there were 4 permits issued for single family dwellings.

This year, house construction values alone totaled \$0. At this time last year, they were at \$2,133,829.

In 2023, total construction (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing) permits for Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural and Residential districts estimated total values are at \$399,188. In 2022, total construction values were at \$3,066,170.

In the month of January, there were 192 inspections made on (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and rentals).

NEW BUSINESS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Follow-up on Air BNB houseboats.

Freehling noted that he talked to **Dienes** who was still in the process of discussing with someone from the Environmental Division with the State of Michigan regarding Air BnB houseboats.

B. Research Sub-Committee Report.

Olszewski stated that the sub-committee had to met a number of time and have created a set of specifications based on their research.

A short discussion followed.

C. Rental Sub-Committee Report.

Olszewski noted that the committee had met with **Chuck Lukas** and **Chris Metcalf** regarding short-term rentals.

Florian distributed a memo for the group to review and give their thoughts about whether or not it was ready to move to the **Board of Trustees**.

Freehling asked how they were hoping to proceed based on the information they were providing.

Florian said that they wanted to bring it to the March 14, 2023 **Board of Trustees Meeting**. A short discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suzanne Pscholka, 4677 S. Cedar Trail, was asking to reconsider the ordinance on backyard chickens due to the unreliable supply chain and allowing individuals to be more self-sufficient. She referenced the current shortage of eggs in stores and higher prices. She asked for further guidance on how to proceed.

Freehling asked if she knew of other municipalities that allow chickens that are not zoned agriculture.

Pscholka mentioned St. Joseph allows up to four animals and includes chickens in that number.

Freehling asked if she knew anyone who has them in St. Joseph Township.

Pscholka did not know anyone directly.

A short discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled planning commission meeting will be held on March 06, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Jacqueline Ross, Recorder

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