

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
May 12th, 2005**

The Lake Linden Village Council met on the above date in the Village Hall at 6:30pm. President Aittama presided. The following Trustees responded to roll call: Hoffman, Heide, Fisher, Frohmader and Frendewey. Absence was granted to Hamlin.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Hoffman to approve the April regular meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Heide. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Public Comments:

Houghton County Treasurer Kathy Beattie was in attendance at the meeting and introduced herself to the members of the Council.

Bills and Financial Statement:

The bills and financials were introduced. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the bills as presented. Poll vote; Yes; Fisher, Heide, Frohmader, Frendewey, Hoffman, and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier presented the Council with the proposed revenue sharing cut for the village. The probable figure was a 2% cut which would lower the revenue sharing amount from \$136,143 down to an 05-06 total of \$132,925 for a cut of \$3,218.

Clerk Poirier updated the Council on a seminar that he attended at MTU regarding Land-use Planning. Several communities were represented and five guest speakers, including the Clerk, gave presentations. It was Clerk Poirier's opinion that Lake Linden needed to get the ball rolling on some form of land use planning to set in motion the ideas from the community and set a basis for future community development. Council members were in unanimous agreement that something should be done, but no action was immediately taken. The Clerk said there was another seminar this coming Tuesday and invited Trustees to attend to gather more information.

Committee Reports:

Finance(Chair:Trustee Hamlin):

No report. Clerk Poirier said a quarterly budget update would be brought to the next meeting.

Domestic Water(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

It was mentioned that the newly revised and published water rates would be effective on the July 1st billing.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Clerk Poirier stated he had met with Jude Kalcich regarding some work on the baseball field that the Little League had requested, Jude said the work would take about one day. The Council unanimously approved doing whatever was deemed necessary to complete the improvements.

Clerk Poirier announced that Dave Kenaglia, with the Coastal Management grant program, would be visiting the village site for the proposed improvements to the docks and shoreline as outlined in the submitted grant application. His visit would be a determining factor in possible funding for the project. His visit is scheduled for Friday, May 20th at 9:00am.

Sanitation(Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

No report.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

No report.

Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):

Trustee Heide gave a brief update on the Streetscape funding which was essentially that UPEA was still waiting on the CDBG portion of the grant application. He said that they still seemed optimistic about getting the project funded for this year. He also updated the utility pole situation by stating that UPPCo was leaning towards steel poles along Calumet Street and that fiberglass poles were not a possibility. He would have further updates as information warranted.

Executive(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher introduced a draft of the interlocal agreement with Torch Lake Township for the Bootjack 1st Responder Services. He pointed out a change that included a provision for voiding the agreement in the event that Lake Linden were to form a 1st Responders Unit of its own as the only change from previous drafts. Discussion ensued regarding the wisdom of entering into the agreement, possible alternatives, and other compensation that could be considered. After several minutes a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve signing the agreement. Upon further discussion, Trustee Heide said he could support the agreement if the Council countered by submitting its own agreement to Torch Lake Township for providing police services. With that noted a poll vote was taken Yes: Fisher, Frendewey, Heide, Frohmader and Aittama. No: Hoffman. Motion was carried. Agreement approved.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

Trustee Hoffman introduced the police report. After entering it on the record, he introduced a price sheet from Chief Chandonais for a hand-held radar

unit she had requested. The price was \$510 delivered. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the police report as read and also to approve the purchase of the new hand-held radar unit for \$510. Poll vote: Yes; Fisher, Friendewey, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Downtown Development Authority:

President Aittama stated that it was his intention to replace Shane Middleton as a member of the DDA Board for a lack of attendance. He said Mr. Middleton had good intentions but was just too busy to make the meetings. He also said he wanted approval to appoint Leroy Codere to the vacant spot on the DDA Board, citing Mr. Codere's experience in local government and residency in the DDA district. After a brief discussion it was decided to canvas the downtown businesses for possible interest in the DDA by a business-owner. A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frohmader to approve the removal of Mr. Middleton from the DDA Board. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

President Aittama announced a special meeting of the Authority on Friday, May 13th.

Houghton County Historical Museum:

No report.

Torch Lake Area Fire Protection Authority:

No report

Late Agenda Items:

Trustee Friendewey announced that the tree planting project was extremely successful. Ms. Plante's biology class from the high school helped with the planting and he said a letter should be sent to thank them for their help.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

A village resident was on hand and expressed concern for the new ordinances allowing for the appointment of the office positions and a manager position. He also stated his opposition to increased water rates that were due to be implemented in July. After a brief discussion with Council members his comments were acknowledged and noted.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Trustee Fisher supported by Trustee Heide made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk