

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
June 9th, 2005**

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Heide and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the May 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 Friendewey and supported by Trustee Hamlin. All were in favor. Motion was carried

Public Comments:

Janet Hanner, campground host requested more police presence in the campground and rustic areas for the summer.

Bills and Financial Statement:

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

GEN FUND	<u>Source Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Ron Schmitt	2 Co-Pay Reim. Houghton Cty Rd. Comm. Ins. Premium / J. Aittama for 4/05	70.00 -585.63
	James Aittama , Pres	1 Co-Pay Reim.	35.00
	Cheryl Stevens , Treas.	2 Co-Pay Reim.	70.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	1 Co-Pay Reim.	35.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	440.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	2,586.23
	LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	57.18
	LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	95.00
	Ron Schmitt	5 Co-Pay Reim.	122.83
	James Aittama , Pres	7 Co-Pay reim.	145.00
	SBC	Phone	194.63
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	UPPCO	Power	86.57
	Ron Schmitt	3 co-pay reim J. Aittama / Blue Cross Pymt for 6/05	53.70 -389.69
	Ron Schmitt	1 Co-Pay Reim.	10.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	2 Co-Pay Reim.	61.17
	Sayen's Business Equipment	Annual Maint. Contract	204.00
	State of Michigan	Lein Fee	131.00
	Decatur Electronics	New radar unit	510.00
	Peninsular Gas Co.	Heating	540.81
	Peninsular Gas Co.	Heating	41.14
	Peninsular Gas Co.	Heating	23.95
	Gitzen Company	Supplies for park	153.65
	Dalco	Bowl Cleaner	33.72
	WearGuard	Uniforms	366.02
	W.S. Darley & Co.	Foam for fire truck	330.00
	William Giroux Post #90	Flags for village hall	47.00
	Anderson Communications	Batteries	339.00
	Cellular One	Cell Phone	37.31
	Linda Hale, CB, Inc.	Quickbooks services for audit	600.00
	MERS	May Pension Pymt.	2,447.46
	Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority	clean park outhouses	130.00

Mohawk Sand & Gravel	Gravel for campground	400.61
Ace Hardware	Misc Supplies	8.07
Bay Electric Co.	Repair underground electrical in park	688.23
Municipal Benefit Services	Hospitalization	5,539.22
A-1 Toy-Lets	Toilets in park	53.67
Louie's Super Valu	Supplies	33.84
Daily Mining Gazette	UP Visitor Guide Ad	475.00
UPPCO	Power	286.89
UPPCO	Power	265.43
UPPCO	Power	<u>1,568.70</u>
Total GEN FUND		18,354.45
LOCAL STREET FUND		
LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	2,401.53
Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority	Clean catch basins	195.00
Payne & Dolan	Patching material	167.31
Ace Hardware	Culvert for 10th Street	<u>479.80</u>
Total LOCAL STREET FUND		3,243.64
MAJOR STREET FUND		
LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	2,198.12
LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	170.41
LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	143.38
LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	9.53
U.P Engineers & Architects, Inc.	1/2 Streetscape Design & Grant Applications	4,400.00
Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority	Clean catch basins	195.00
Peninsula Products	Catch basin repair M-26	52.50
UPPCO	M-26 Flashers	<u>85.78</u>
Total MAJOR STREET FUND		7,254.72
EQUIPMENT FUND		
Ernie's Tire Service	Tire repair	6.00
Copper Country Ford Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.	Work on Police Explorer	18.72
Torch Lake Service	Noise check on police explorer	24.50
Krans Oil Co.	Gas & Diesel / DPW	888.28
KOP Lubricants	Lube Products	351.00
Superior Water & Welding	Oxygen cylinder refill	17.76
Northern Heavy Duty Truck Parts	Mud flaps for dump truck	17.00
Auto Value of Houghton	Equip. Parts	153.30
Superior Auto Parts, Inc.	Equip parts	84.56
Cenex of Lake Linden	Gas & Diesel	126.29
J.B.'s Heavy Duty Repair	Repairs on 310 Backhoe	484.00
Krans Oil Co.	Gas / Law	<u>134.80</u>
Total EQUIPMENT FUND		2,306.21
SANITATION FUND		
LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	473.57
Houghton County Treasurer	May Tipping Fees	<u>2,737.50</u>
Total SANITATION FUND		3,211.07
WATER FUND		
Cheryl Stevens , Treas.	Restore Petty Cash	19.22
LLV Equipment Checking	May 05 Equip Rentals	419.60
UPPCO	Power / Pump House	691.54
SBC	Phone / Pump House	28.77
SBC	Phone / Reservoir	26.22
UPPCO	Power / Reservoir	90.02
Lake Linden Postmaster	2 rolls .23 stamps	46.00
State of Michigan - DEQ	2 Water Samples	24.00
Peninsular Gas Co.	Heating/ Well House	12.82
SBC	Phone / Pump House	67.16
Louie's Super Valu	10 Cases Clorox	<u>107.40</u>
Total WATER FUND		1,532.75
		<u>35,902.84</u>

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier said that the Municipal Employee Retirement System required electronic payment of premiums into the future and said a resolution was necessary to submit to MERS for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the new method of payment. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier read a letter from Fred Johnson regarding the pending land purchase from Lake Superior Land Co. that was initiated more than one year ago. His recommendation was to cancel the transaction since the work on the parcels had long since been accomplished. After a discussion about possible uses for the land it was determined to continue pursuing the completion of the purchase and to have the Clerk contact them regarding the process continuing.

A tax sheet outlining the 2005 proposed millage rates was reviewed by the Council. It listed the proposed rates at 14.4572 as the maximum allowable rate for the levy after holding a public hearing, comparing it to a rate of 14.6241 in 2004. After a brief discussion it was determined to plan to hold a public hearing later in the month to maximize the 2005 levy. The possibility of holding a millage election was also discussed, and the clerk was directed to look into the possibility of holding that election this year before the current levy was determined. A date for the public hearing was to be determined after this information was gathered.

The DDA had allocated \$150 for half of a 4th of July ad in Marquette Monthly and had hoped that the Council would pay the other half. A motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Frohmader to pay the other \$150. Poll vote: Yes; Friendewey, Frohmader, Hamlin, Heide, Hoffman and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

The American Legion Post 90 was requesting a temporary liquor license for their annual street dance on the 4th of July weekend. Chief Chandinai said she was going to offer her approval as well for the event. A motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the temporary permit for Post 90. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Paperwork had not yet been received for the liquor license application for the Cenex station so the item was tabled until next month.

Committee Reports:

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Finance(Chair:Trustee Hamlin):

Trustee Hamlin said that the tax information had already been covered and that a budget update would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Domestic Water(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

No report.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher said that a representative from the DEQ had come for a visit in advance of funding our marina grant application. He said the project looked good but that if funded the grant period wouldn't start until 2006 so work would not be able to start until then.

Clerk Poirier announced that about 20 Boy Scouts from downstate troops were coming up to work on the museum railroad. In the past they had stayed at the rustic campsites free-of-charge. A motion was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee Hamlin to allow them to stay free for the week of their stay. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier also stated

supported by Trustee Friendewey. Poll vote: Yes: Hamlin, Friendewey, Frohmader, Heide, Hoffman and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

Trustee Frohmader said that Jude had told him of a Semco Energy equipment auction but he had not yet spoken to Jude regarding that.

He also said that Burcar Construction had offered Jude \$500 for the old garbage truck. He said it had been advertised for bidders and this was the only offer. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Hamlin to sell the truck for the \$500 offer. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):

Trustee Heide gave a brief update on the Streetscape funding which was essentially that the Block Grant office had been contacting UPEA for details which indicated to them that the grant was near being approved. He said that it was time to start nailing down some of the details that need to be done before the final funding was in place. A discussion ensued regarding issues with UPPCo and the bond issue as an option for funding. After a few minutes it was determined that the Executive Committee would begin to actively seek answers to these issues and be ready with a reply if the Council received word that the Block Grant application was approved. All were in favor of proceeding with that plan.

Executive(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

A copy of a letter from Torch Lake Township was introduced and sparked a discussion about the signed agreement. Copies of the agreement were reviewed and the discussion turned to when the services were actually to be compensated. Trustee Hoffman stated his belief that the charges were to commence upon the signing of the agreement, which stipulated 01/01/05. Pro-tem Fisher said the agreement clearly stated that the compensation was for services of the previous year.

Trustee Hoffman then stated that he supported the idea of canceling the agreement under the 30-day provision contained in it, and to reconsider and clarify that the Village was not paying for past service. Trustee Frohmader and Trustee Hamlin also said it was their understanding that the compensation not begin retroactively as well.

After some further discussion it was decided to review the minutes from past meetings in which this subject was addressed and to determine the nature of the agreement and its stipulations. After this, the Council would then consider reopening the issue at a special meeting to determine what action, if any, was to be undertaken next.

Pro-tem Fisher then said he had reviewed a submitted proposal by Hitch for how to proceed with bidding for the Hall Project and had given it to Jude for review as well. He thought it looked good and the next step was having Hitch finalize the document and send it to perspective bidders.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

Trustee Hoffman introduced the police report. A motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Hoffman to accept the report as submitted. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Trustee Heide then introduced a draft a of an agreement to provide police services to Torch Lake Township. He said it had not been reviewed by an attorney but wanted the Executive committee to review it and offer a recommendation.

Chief Chandonais said that the TEAM training program for 6th grade students was no longer being funded by the State Police but thought that the village should continue to fund the program. She estimated the cost at no more than \$500. After a bried discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee Heide to approve spending up to \$500 to continue the program. Poll vote: yes; Hoffman, Heide, Frohmader, Hamlin, Friendewey and Fisher

Chief Chandonais then asked the council to consider adding a part-time officer for the summer months as had been done in the past. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee

Hamlin to add a part-time officer until September. Poll vote: Yes; Hoffman, Hamlin, Heide, Frohmader, Friendewey and Fisher. No; None. Motion carried.

Chief Lajimodiere updated the council on fire calls and membership numbers for the Fire Dept. He said that the new fire truck would be prominently displayed in the parade and also that the old fire truck was to be listed on ebay and would hopefully be sold sometime soon.

Downtown Development Authority:

Trustee Fisher said that there was still a vacancy on the DDA Board and that they were working to fill the spot with an interested and capable person.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

No report.

Houghton County Historical Museum:

No report.

Torch Lake Area Fire Protection Authority:

No report

Late Agenda Items:

Trustee Frohmader said that the council should consider options for a new park and ride lot now that the current lot has been exchanged to Post 90. No further action was taken.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Trustee Hamlin supported by Trustee Friendewey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Edward Fisher, Pro-Tem

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk