

**Lake Linden Village Council
Public Hearing
July 14th, 2005
Lake Linden Streetscape Project**

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: Heide, Hamlin, Frohmader and Friendewey. Absence was granted to Fisher and Hoffman.

President Aittama yielded the floor to Rick Wuori of U.P. Engineers & Architects who introduced the details of the project to those present. He went over the process in getting to this point and outlined the steps taken. He stated the facets of the project and pointed out the scope of the project on preliminary project maps. Among the items outlined were stamped concrete crosswalks, historic lighting, park "town square" project, and curb bumpouts at corners along with some landscaping and plantings.

After the project scope explanation, he stated that the project was estimated to cost \$666,500 – a MDOT-TEA grant in the amount of \$200,000, a CDBG grant in the amount of \$361,000 (pending final application), and a local match of \$105,500.

The following comments were received: Q: Won't the curb bumpouts take away from parking in the downtown? A: The bumpouts are located where no parking is permitted now - at the corners - so parking will not be adversely affected. There was also a brief discussion and some questions from the public regarding the financing of the project and the expected grants and the size and lead time required for the ordering of the trees was discussed. Throughout the discussions and questions no negative comments were brought to the hearing floor.

After the public discussion, President Aittama stated that there would be a resolution presented during the meeting to follow wherein the Council would state its intentions regarding the project.

A motion to adjourn the hearing was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Friendewey. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

13 members of the public were present.

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
July 14th, 2005**

The Lake Linden Village Council met on the above date in the Village Hall at 6:40pm. President Aittama presided. The following Trustees responded to roll call: Heide, Hamlin, Frohmader, Friendewey and Aittama. Trustee Hoffman joined the meeting shortly after roll call. Absence was granted to Trustee Fisher.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the June regular meeting minutes and the June 29th public hearing minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Public Comments:

James Regis and Mike McMahon from the Keweenaw ATV Club presented their plan for creating a trail system in the Keweenaw and more specifically with regards to the village, from Ripley to Calumet. They requested an easement from the Council for an approximate ¼ mile stretch of trail connecting the DNR trail with the Village trail. President Aittama said that in previous meetings with Martin Nelson of the DNR regarding the trail a dispute over ownership had prevented the sides from coming to an agreement. President Aittama stated that he would meet with Village engineer Dick Supina to recap

where the two sides stand and then try to meet with the DNR and with the Keweenaw ATV Club regarding those issues.

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 Frendewey to approve the bills as presented. Poll vote; Yes; Hamlin, Frendewey, Heide, Frohmader, Hoffman, and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

GEN FUND	<u>Source Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Ron Schmitt	3 Co-Pay Reim.	105.00
	Quality Hardware	Misc.	295.85
	Quality Hardware	Planters / DDA	240.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	2 Co-Pay Reim.	17.12
	Ron Schmitt	3 Co-Pay Reim.	80.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	3 Co-Pay Reim.	53.01
	Thundercat Fireworks	2005 Fireworks Insurance	675.40
	SBC	Phone	186.84
	SBC	Phone	6.37
	SBC	Phone	6.37
	Cheryl Stevens , Treas.	2 Co-Pay Reim.	70.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	2 Co-Pay Reim.	70.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	440.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	326.12
	LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	3,081.72
	LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	47.65
	LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	89.97
	Lake Linden Postmaster	5 rolls stamps / 2005 taxes J. Aittama/ Blue Cross Pymt for 7/05	185.00 -975.32
	Chris Lajimodiere, Fire Chief	Mileage Reim. / Madison, WI	225.00
	James Aittama , Pres	4 Co-Pay Reim.	65.00
	Ron Schmitt	2 Co-Pay Reim.	45.00
	Ron Schmitt	6 Co-Pay Reim.	185.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	1 co-pay reimbursement	26.17
	A-1 Toy-Lets	Portable Toilets	882.50
	Dalco	Cleaner & Roll Towels	69.55
	Accident Fund	Workmen's Comp.	2,104.50
	Gall's, Inc.	Flashlight & Nametag	137.97
	Airgas North Central	Cylinders	48.20
	Lake Linden Village	Minimum Sewer	33.92
	Sayen's Business Equipment	Toner	57.00
	Daily Mining Gazette	Public Hearing Ad	167.20
	Jacklin Steel Supply Co.	Fire Rings & Steel	532.92
	First Supply	Repairs to Irrigation System	34.16
	Cellular One	Car Phone	37.31
	LaMarre Computer Servcies	CD-RW Installation	65.00
	SemcoEnergy	Heating	540.81
	SemcoEnergy	Heating	55.98
	SemcoEnergy	Heating	43.84
	Pasty.net, Inc.	Memb. Renewal	25.00
	Municipal Benefit Services	8/1/05 - 9/1/05 Hosp.	5,539.22
	Gitzen Company	Supplies	134.01
	Oshkosh Fire & Police Equip.	Deluge Gun & Misc.	2,100.00
	LL-H Public Schools	Reim. for Linden Trees	150.00
	Schoolcraft Township	2005 Summer Taxes	1,117.85

Quality Hardware	Misc.	122.17
MERS	Monthly Pension Pymt.	3,778.12
Cenex of Lake Linden	Fuel	171.68
Cenex of Lake Linden	Fuel	65.70
BS&A Software	Tax Program Software	498.33
UPPCO	Power	324.67
UPPCO	Power	680.99
UPPCO	Power	1,550.77
Peninsula Products	Concrete for 9th & Front St.	525.00
James Aittama , Pres	Mileage Reim. for 4/05 - 6/05	36.00
James Aittama , Pres	Phone Reim. for 4/05 - 6/05	60.00
Total GEN FUND		<u>27,237.64</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

Quality Hardware	Misc.	77.53
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	2,201.06
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	2,561.67
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	23.83
Rent-A-Flash	Stop Signs	128.78
Quality Hardware	Grass Seed	69.99
Jarvi's Ace Home Center	2 Culverts / New Traprock St.	479.98
Mohawk Sand & Gravel	Crushed Mine Rock / New Traprock St.	138.75
Total LOCAL STREET FUND		<u>5,681.59</u>

MAJOR STREET FUND

Robert Poirier	Mileage reim for training	63.00
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	986.20
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	152.24
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	19.06
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	19.06
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	38.12
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	495.56
Peninsula Products	Concrete / Curbing on Calumet St.	464.75
Quality Hardware	Marking Paint	13.99
UPPCO	M-26 Flashers	72.03
Rent-A-Flash	Sop Signs	128.78
Ace Hardware	Pavement Markings	91.93
Total MAJOR STREET FUND		<u>2,544.72</u>

EQUIPMENT FUND

Quality Hardware	Misc.	162.08
Sears	Blades for Lawn Mower	59.97
Ron Schmitt	Reim. on CDL License	60.00
Superior Water & Welding	Cylinder Refill	43.95
Ace Hardware	Misc.	23.53
Krans Oil Co.	Gas / Police	159.30
Krans Oil Co.	Gas / DPW	300.87
Krans Oil Co.	Diesel / DPW	726.76
Superior Auto Parts, Inc.	Misc.	217.36
Quality Hardware	Misc.	118.00
Fastenal Co.	Nuts & Bolts	32.99
Total EQUIPMENT FUND		<u>1,904.81</u>

SANITATION FUND

Quality Hardware	Rain Suit	12.39
LLV Equipment Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	901.35
Houghton County	June Tipping Fees	<u>2,206.80</u>

Treasurer		
Total SANITATION FUND		<u>3,120.54</u>
WATER FUND		
LLV Water Fund		
Checking	Return Item Debits	79.23
UPPCO	Power / Pump House	910.25
SBC	Phone / Pump House	28.68
SBC	Phone / Reservoir	26.22
Lake Linden	2nd Qtr. Newsletter	
Postmaster	(CCR)(600@.248)	148.80
LLV Equipment		
Checking	June 2005 Equip rentals	662.98
Lake Linden		
Postmaster	7/01/05 Billing	116.73
Quality Hardware	Misc.	34.60
UPPCO	Power / Reservoir	72.52
State of Michigan -		
DEQ	2 Water Samples	24.00
Standard Electric	Materials / New Water Service for	
Co.	Legion Bldg	872.00
SemcoEnergy	Heating / Well House	15.85
SBC	Phone / Pump House	67.16
USA BlueBook	Misc.	296.75
Total WATER FUND		<u>3,355.77</u>
		<u>43,845.07</u>

Correspondence:

A memo from the Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority was introduced wherein it was mentioned that the expected grant portion of a large project was not forthcoming. Jerry Perreault, a representative on the Sewage Authority and the Houghton County Board of Public Works explained the situation and what brought them to this point. He stated the ongoing maintenance and inflow problems at TLASA, what had been done to address the problems, why the rates had recently been increased, and the negotiations with RDA and Duane Reid. Mr. Perreault said that the impression from Duane Reid was that 40% of the project would be grant-funded. He also stated there was a formula for determining qualifications for the funding but he did not have access to the formula, and said there were many other local municipalities that had received the grants in the recent past.

He then requested from the Council, on behalf of the TLASA, a letter of support to federal and state representatives requesting two things; a reconsideration of the grant application and a face-to-face meeting with Duane Reid or other RDA representatives for an explanation of why the grant application was denied with no apparent justification. President Aittama and the Council agreed that such a letter would be written and they offered their full support in negotiations with RDA and the continued pursuit of the grant funding.

Clerk Poirier read a letter from MDOT regarding the timetable for the streetscape project. It said that the project let date and completion estimate were in line with the allotted two-year time frame. No other action was necessary.

A letter was read from Father Francis Dobrzanski from the St. Joseph Church in which he thanked and commended the public works crew on quick response to a request for a handicapped parking spot in front of the church. No other action was required.

An ad solicitation for the Daily Mining Gazette's Copper Country Magazine was introduced. Clerk Poirier stated a quarter-page ad had been purchased in the past. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve \$365 for a quarter-page ad in the Copper Country magazine. Poll vote: Yes; Frohmader, Friendewey, Hoffman, Heide, Hamlin and Aittama. No; None. Motion carried.

Clerk Poirier informed the council that he had had several requests for lots in the Sibilsky II plat. President Aittama indicated that he knew of people interested as well. After a brief discussion it was determined that President

Aittama would meet with village engineer Dick Supina to determine where the progress of plat approval and utilities currently stood.

A letter was read from Houghton County Treasurer Kathleen Beattie stating that local government errors on taxes would be deducted from the delinquent tax collection. Clerk Poirier said there was no specific incident to initiate the letter, but that it had been sent to all local municipalities.

Committee Reports:

Finance(Chair:Trustee Hamlin):

Trustee Hamlin said a budget report for the first third of the fiscal year was included in the packets. He said that heating and electrical bills were extremely high but that further study was difficult because of the seasonal nature of some of the revenues and expenditures. Another report would be given at the mid-point of the fiscal year in September.

Domestic Water(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

No report.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

No report.

Sanitation(Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

Trustee Hamlin reported that the final wording for the dumpster rate change in the ordinance was on the way and would be implemented after the publication requirement.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

Trustee Frohmader said that Jude had told him of a Semco Energy equipment auction, and was interested in bidding on one or two trucks shown at the auction. After a brief explanation and discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Heide to approve up to \$8,000 to bid on equipment at Jude's discretion. Poll vote: Yes; Frohmader, Heide, Hoffman, Hamlin, Frendewey and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):

As previously discussed in the public hearing the following resolution was offered at this point of the meeting:

**VILLAGE OF LAKE LINDEN
CDBG APPLICATION
DOWNTOWN STREETScape AND TOWN SQUARE PROJECT
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Linden has been invited by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to submit a full application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$361,000 for the Downtown Streetscape and Town Square Project, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Downtown Development Plan, and the plans of the Village of Lake Linden, and

WHEREAS, at least 51% of the benefits of the proposed project will benefit low and moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$666,500, of which \$361,000 is proposed CDBG grant funds, \$200,000 grant monies from the Michigan Department of Transportation – TEA, and a local match of \$105,500.

WHEREAS, no project costs will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of environmental review procedures, and formal written authorization to incur costs is received from Community Development.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake Linden authorizes the submittal of a full CDBG application for the Downtown Streetscape and Town Square Project, in the amount of \$361,000, and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that Robert Poirier, Village Clerk, is authorized to execute the application.

Voice Vote Held: Motion by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Heide

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
Carried:

This Authorizing Resolution was considered and adopted by the Lake Linden Village Council at a public meeting held following a public hearing, on July 14, 2005.

Executive(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

A copy of letters from Hitch Engineering was introduced. The first was a recommendation of award letter. It stated that Stouffer Masonry Washing from Comstock Park, MI. was the low bidder and recommended they get the bid pending a reference check. Clerk Poirier stated that Hitch was awaiting word from Stouffer that they would honor the bid since they did not have advance notice that only a portion of the bid was to be done this year.

The second was a letter of intent to Stouffer indicating they would be recommended based on the Council's final approval. Clerk Poirier then said Hitch had contacted him and said they would perform the work for the amount in their bid. After a brief discussion a motion

Trustee Hamlin supported by Trustee Friendewey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 13 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk