

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
October 13th, 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: Fisher, Hamlin, Frohmader, Friendewey, Hoffman and Aittama. Absence was granted to Trustee Heide.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the September regular meeting minutes and the September 22nd special meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Approval of Agenda:

After one addition, a motion was made to approve the agenda by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher. All were in favor. Motion was carried

Public Comments:

There were no comments from the public.

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

GEN FUND	<u>Source Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Ron Schmitt	5 Co-Pay Reim.	150.00
	Lake Linden Postmaster	2 Rolls .37 Stamps	74.00
	The Loading Zone	Lun mtg w/Guy Bazzani Hlst Dist. 10/1/05 - 11/1/05	71.00
	Municipal Benefit Services	Hosp.	5,539.22
	UPPCO	Power	907.19
	UPPCO	Power	278.90
	Galeton Gloves	Jacket	30.90
	A-1 Toy-Lets	Portables	140.00
	Copper Island Printing	Copies / Golf Course	252.50
	Hannula Agency	Package Insurance	22,173.00
	State of Michigan	Lein Fee	262.00
	Ron Schmitt	3 Co-Pay Reim.	55.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	2 Co-Pay Reim.	70.00
	Pat Lajimodiere	1 Co-Pay Reim.	26.17
	Intuit Quickbooks payroll	Subscrip for Quickbooks - 2005	199.00
	James Aittama , Pres	2 Co-Pay Reim.	45.00
	Cheryl Stevens , Treas.	2 Co-Pay Reim.	45.00
	Ron Schmitt	3 Co-Pay Reim.	80.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	J. Aittama / BC Pymt for 10/05 Sept 2005 Equip rentals	-975.32 440.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	2,885.92
	LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	28.59
	LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	28.59
	Lake Linden Postmaster	3rd Qtr Newsletter	91.37
	SBC	Telephone	166.91
	SBC	Telephone	21.03
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	MSP Team	Booklets	52.00
	Ron Schmitt	4 Co-Pay Reim.	110.58

Pat Lajimodiere	1 Co-Pay Reim.	35.00
41 Lumber	Treated Pine	188.97
Ace Hardware	Plumbing Supplies	19.50
Accident Fund	Workmen's Comp.	2,104.50
Accident Fund	Audit	1,048.00
State of Michigan	Lein Fee	262.00
	11/1/05 - 12/1/05	
Municipal Benefit Services	Hosp.	5,539.22
W.S. Darley & Co.	Adapter	97.45
James Aittama , Pres	Phone Reim.	60.00
James Aittama , Pres	Mileage Reim.	61.50
A-1 Toy-Lets	Portables	140.00
Louie's Super Valu	Supplies	48.08
BS&A Software	Tax Program	498.34
Cellular One	Car Phone	37.15
SemcoEnergy	Heating	13.52
	Pres Washer / For Lding	
Keweenaw Kitchens	Zone	746.49
Quality Hardware	Misc.	42.18
Quality Hardware	Misc.	73.53
Quality Hardware	Tire Foam	9.58
Jutila, Jorgenson & Associates, PC	04/05 Audit	3,400.00
James Aittama , Pres	4 Co-Pay Reim.	90.00
	Steel for Picnic	
Jacklin Steel Supply Co.	Tables	200.00
	Winter Sand /	
Superior Sand & Gravel	Stockpile	1,625.00
UPPCO	Power	1,605.26
UPPCO	Power	55.03
Schoolcraft Township	2005 Tax Preparation	630.30
Total GEN FUND		<u>51,900.18</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	1,464.32
LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	3,658.73
Jutila, Jorgenson & Associates, PC	04/05 Audit	700.00
Houghton County Road Commission	Winter Sand	1,050.00
	Sand / Cover for	
Superior Sand & Gravel	Traprock St.	650.00
Mohawk Sand & Gravel	Minerock & Culvert	156.40
Total LOCAL STREET FUND		<u>7,679.45</u>

MAJOR STREET FUND

LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	432.88
LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	81.22
LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	241.32
LLV General Fund	3rd Qtr Ovhd / 7/1/05 - 9/30/05	264.42
Jutila, Jorgenson & Associates, PC	04/05 Audit	700.00
Houghton County Road Commission	Winter Sand	1,050.00
UPPCO	M-26 Flashers	78.84
Total MAJOR STREET FUND		<u>2,848.68</u>

EQUIPMENT FUND

Hannula Agency	Package Insurance	5,000.00
Cenex of Lake Linden	Gas / Rec	197.86
Cenex of Lake Linden	Diesel / F.D.	84.40
Quality Hardware	Misc.	113.39
Jutila, Jorgenson & Associates, PC	04/05 Audit	1,700.00
Cenex of Lake Linden	Gas & Diesel / Fire Dept.	120.11
Cenex of Lake Linden	Gas / Rec	85.72

	Quincy Hill Auto Sales	Repairs to Ovhd Lights / Pol Car	13.75
	Universal Metal Works	Panel / Fire Dept.	40.00
	eBay, Inc.	1972 Pumper Posting	98.70
	Fine Line Tire	Tire / Fire Dept.	398.84
	Krans Oil Co.	Gas / Police Car	147.40
	Krans Oil Co.	Gas & Diesel / DPW	1,867.22
	Thill Track & Tractor Service	Rim for Loader 621	0.00
	Jacklin Steel Supply Co.	Steel for Inventory	362.66
	Ripley Products Co	Flat & Angle	51.90
	Superior Water & Welding	Cylinder Refill	45.53
	Harter Auto Supply	Air Filters	67.35
	Superior Auto Parts, Inc.	Misc.	26.61
	Ace Hardware	Misc. / Fire Dept.	11.20
	Total EQUIPMENT FUND		<u>10,432.64</u>
SANITATION FUND			
	Houghton County Treasurer	Aug Tipping Fees	2,631.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	609.52
	Jutila, Jorgenson & Associates, PC	04/05 Audit	900.00
	Houghton County Treasurer	Sep. Tipping Fees	1,951.80
	Total SANITATION FUND		<u>6,092.32</u>
WATER FUND			
G.O.Tax Water Bond			
	J.P. Morgan Trust Company, N.A.	#997 Loan Payment	43,937.50
	Total G.O.Tax Water Bond		<u>43,937.50</u>
WATER FUND - Other			
	*WATER:Maintenance	997 Loan Payment	-5,000.00
	SBC	Phone / Pump House	73.78
	State of Michigan - DEQ	5 Water Samples	60.00
	UPPCO	Power / Well House	757.83
	UPPCO	Power / Reservoir	84.77
		Service Charge	102.77
	LLV Equipment Checking	Sept 2005 Equip rentals	648.04
	SBC	Telephone / Pump House	28.59
	SBC	Telephone / Reservoir	26.15
	Quality Hardware	Misc.	22.47
	Jutila, Jorgenson & Associates, PC	04/05 Audit	1,600.00
	SBC	Phone / Pump House	73.78
	Bay Electric Co.	Repairs / Pump #5	150.00
	USA BlueBook	Inventory	439.10
	SemcoEnergy	Heating / Well House	11.80
	Total WATER FUND - Other		<u>-920.92</u>
	Total WATER FUND		<u>43,016.58</u>
Unclassified			
		Balance Adjustment	-0.01
	Total unclassified		<u>-0.01</u>
			<u><u>121,969.84</u></u>

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier introduced a resolution to re-approve the liquor license transfer for the American Legion Post 90. It had previously been approved but had included the wrong address on the application. After a brief clarification a motion was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee Fisher to approve the amended application for transfer of the liquor license. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

The clerk introduced the tax amounts for Ed Fisher who had found out that he had been paying a sewer assessment on an undeveloped lot since 1985. After the facts were presented, President Aittama stated that there was an appeal process that had been put in place to settle matters of this nature and that it should have been handled long ago. In any case it was a matter that should be brought to the sewage authority for a decision. No further action was necessary.

Clerk Poirier informed the council that the Michigan Municipal League was requesting resolutions from local governments to petition the legislature to preserve local franchising for cable and broadband systems. After a brief explanation a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to craft such a resolution and have President Aittama send it off to them as soon as possible. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

The clerk introduced an amended version of the Torch Lake Sewage Authority Articles of Incorporation. They were being changed and the changes had to be approved by each of the municipalities. Those changes were as follows:

1. A name change to Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority
2. Fiscal year changed to calendar year,
3. Annual meeting moved to December,
4. Previous amendment for rates and charges change,
5. Terms of trustees changed to "at will of appointing municipality.

After reviewing the changes a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Friendewey to agree to approve the changes and authorize the President and clerk to sign the necessary documents. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

The clerk read an ad solicitation from the Daily Mining Gazette for their annual community guide. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to place a half-page ad and to have the executive committee craft a new ad with more information about the village and it's attractions. Poll vote: Yes: Hamlin, Fisher, Friendewey, Hoffman, Frohmader and Aittama. No: None. Motion was carried.

A letter was read from MDOT which outlined a decrease in payments to the village from the state's Transportation Fund. Those payments would decrease by about 1% but initially 8% because the decrease was retroactive to October of 2004. No further action was necessary.

Committee Reports:

Finance(Chair:Trustee Hamlin):

Trustee Hamlin said the final budget report had been received but that the committee had not yet looked at it in depth and would do so by the November meeting.

Domestic Water(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

No report.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher said that John Robinson had put him in touch with some possible interested investors from Ohio and that he had sent them all the information. He said also that he had spoken to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community regarding the course but no word had been received in response.

Sanitation(Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

No report.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

Trustee Frohmader said that the snow thrower purchased last year was going to be the primary unit for the winter and the old would be the back-up. Also, the search was still on for a pick-up for the upcoming winter.

Discussion then turned to the equipment still sitting around that needed to be sold – specifically the old fire truck. After a discussion a motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Fisher to authorize the equipment

committee chairman to sell the truck through whatever means and at whatever price he deems necessary. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):

The possibility of raising snow removal rates was brought up because of rising gas prices. After a brief discussion it was determined that Jude get some numbers together for the next meeting to determine costs and a necessary adjustment so that a break-even point is at least reached.

Executive(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher gave an update on the progress on the streetscape project. He said that UPPCo had agreed to the direct-bury option for the poles and that Rick Wuori said that the cost for engineering and environmental studies for the expansion of the project through 10th Street was \$4,500. Also, MDOT did not appear willing to expand the project to include 5th-10th Sts. But the initial talks with CDBG seemed to indicate they would be willing to negotiate on the expansion.

After getting the update, a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frenthewey to approve the \$4,500 for UPEA to begin the engineering preparations for the expanded project area of the streetscape project. Poll vote: Yes; Fisher, Frenthewey, Frohmader, Hamlin, Hoffman and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

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

Downtown Development Authority:

Clerk Poirier informed the council that in going over the documentation necessary for the bonding through the DDA for the streetscape project, Fred Johnson had discovered that the requirements for the DDA expansion approval in 2003 were short one necessary item. The notice for the public hearing for the expansion was not published in the Gazette even though local notices, pole notices and mailings were sent to residents within the district. This omission meant that the documentation was incomplete and needed to be redone.

A discussion ensued regarding the necessity of the paperwork for the bonding process. Clerk Poirier said that the bond was only one aspect of the problem and that the DDA boundaries themselves were not extended to 10th Street because of this omission. He also said that while the time constraints were not as tight on that aspect of it they still needed to be addressed.

Discussion continued on the next step to be taken. Clerk Poirier introduced a Resolution of Intent, Certification for the resolution and a notice of public hearing scheduled for November 10th as redone by Fred Johnson for the meeting. Trustee Fisher indicated that he did not know how this omission would impact the possible bonding of the project but that he wanted to discuss the issue with Steve Mann from Miller-Canfield, the bond attorney.

It was determined that no action on the re-working of the DDA paperwork be done until information was gathered from Miller-Canfield. No further action was taken.

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 Frenthewey pointed out that a resident complained about the new lighting on the rear of the Maple Lane Apartments. They had put three new lights that illuminated nearby homes as well as the street behind the building. After a brief discussion it was determined that the board members of the LLV Housing be notified to see if some sort of action could be taken such as dimming or redirecting the lighting back there so it would not shine so brightly on the homes on Hecla Street.

Trustee Frohmader, a member of the American Legion Building committee, asked the council if they would consider some deal whereby the lot behind the village hall could be used as a parking lot for the new post. After a brief discussion it was determined that the street committee meet with the Legion to discuss options for parking and a place for the MDOT park and ride lot as well.

It was also determined that an ad be places in the Gazette stating that trick-or-treating be held on Monday, October 31st from 5 to 8 pm.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

Clerk Poirier announced that fall clean-up dates were as follows: Monday, October 17th, Monday October 31st and Monday November 7th.

Adjournment:

Trustee Frohmader supported by Trustee Hamlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk