

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
November 10th, 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, Frendewey, Heide and Aittama. Absence was granted to Trustee Hoffman.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Agenda:

After two additions, a motion was made to approve the agenda by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Fisher. All were in favor. Motion was carried

Public Comments:

The MTU mini-baja team made a presentation to the council to hold their event in the Village park on February 18, 2006. It had been held there the previous two years. After a brief summary of the event and the details, the council gave its permission to hold the event and stated that the event had great possibilities. President Aittama said he was in full support but was disappointed in last year's advertising effort by the group. They assured the council that more emphasis would be placed on that for this year's event.

Bills and Financial Statement:

Clerk Poirier introduced a bill from U P Engineers for \$15,080.23 for work done on the streetscape project. He stated that there was insufficient money in the general fund at this point to pay half the bill (the other half to be paid by the DDA) but said it could be paid out of the major street fund if it was reimbursable out of the bond for the project. After it was determined that it was reimbursable, a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to pay that bill out of major streets. Poll vote: Yes; Hamlin, Fisher, Frohmader, Heide, Frendewey and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

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

GEN FUND	Source Name	Memo	Amount
	Cheryl Stevens , Treas.	Restore Petty Cash	42.97
	Ron Schmitt	3 Co-Pay Reim.	78.16
	Pat Lajimodiere	2 Co-Pay Reim.	12.00
	MERS	September 05 pension payment	2,622.37
	James Aittama , Pres	6 Co-Pay Reim.	81.78
	Pat Lajimodiere	2 Co-Pay Reim.	61.17
	UPPCO	Power	490.86
	UPPCO	Power	233.66
	SBC	Phone	169.50
	SBC	Telephone	21.03
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	LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	440.00
	LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	659.52
	LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	857.71
	LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	228.24
	LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	132.71
	MERS	Pension payment 10/2005	3,246.44

Cheryl Stevens , Treas.	2 Co-Pay Reim.	45.00
Ron Schmitt	3 Co-Pay Reim.	80.00
	J. Aittama / Blue Cross Pymt for 11/05	-975.32
Pat Lajimodiere	1 Co-Pay Reim.	35.00
James Aittama , Pres	3 Co-Pay Reim.	55.00
James Aittama , Pres	2 Co-Pay Reim.	45.00
Ron Schmitt	3 Co-Pay Reim.	80.00
U.P Firefighters Association	2005 Annual Dues	45.00
USA BlueBook	Clamp	109.22
North American Salt Co.	Salt	1,464.28
Daily Mining Gazette	Halloween Ad	100.00
Dickinson County Memorial Hospital	Random Testing / P. Lajimodiere	48.75
SemcoEnergy	Heating	48.51
SemcoEnergy	Heating	17.77
SemcoEnergy	Heating	3.05
Gall's, Inc.	Pepper Spray	37.47
Sirchie Finger Print Labs	Finger Print Kit	107.09
Linda Hale, CB, Inc.	QuickBooks	80.00
Lake Linden Village	Minimum Sewer	33.92
Cellular One	Car Phone	37.15
Municipal Benefit Services	12/01/05 - 1/01/06 Hosp.	5,539.22
UPPCO	Power	1,587.32
Stouffer Masonry Washing, Inc.	Masonry Restoration	2,806.00
Quality Hardware	Misc.	58.82
Quality Hardware	Misc.	18.68
Quality Hardware	Misc.	167.83
Total GEN FUND		<u>21,073.91</u>
REHAB FUND		
	Service Charge	<u>2.00</u>
Total REHAB FUND		2.00
LOCAL STREET FUND		
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	453.94
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	5,784.38
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	9.53
Superior Sand & Gravel	Concrete for Slab	96.75
Payne & Dolan	Cold Mix	381.15
Daily Mining Gazette	Fall Clean Up Ad	125.40
TLASA	Clean Catch Basins	162.50
Total LOCAL STREET FUND		<u>7,013.65</u>
MAJOR STREET FUND		
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	403.76
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	169.31
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	143.38
Superior Sand & Gravel	Concrete for Slab	96.75
Payne & Dolan	Cold Mix	381.15
Daily Mining Gazette	Fall Clean Up Ad	125.40
TLASA	Clean Catch Basins	162.50
UPPCO	M-26 Flashers	110.78
U.P Engineers & Architects, Inc.	Streetscape Project	7,540.12
Total MAJOR STREET FUND		<u>9,133.15</u>
EQUIPMENT FUND		
Rowe Oil Co.	Tires for Loader 621	3,651.00
Krans Oil Co.	Gas / Police Car	140.00
Krans Oil Co.	Gas / DPW	291.71

Krans Oil Co.	Diesel	1,030.57
Superior Auto Parts, Inc.	Misc.	449.29
Harter Auto Supply	Alternator for Chevy P.U.	119.12
Mid-States Blade & Chain	Cutting Edges	564.00
Nthn Heavy Duty Truck Parts	Water Pump for Sander	177.00
Superior Water & Welding	Cylinder	17.76
Auto Value of Houghton	Misc.	25.56
Kiilunen Repair	Misc.	42.80
Cenex of Lake Linden	Fuel / Fire Dept.	59.02
Gall's, Inc.	Batteries for Litebox	57.47
Torch Lake Service	Tire Repair	12.00
Quality Hardware	Misc.	135.76
Nthn Heavy Duty Truck Parts	Misc. / Mack Trucks	96.60
Total EQUIPMENT FUND		<u>6,869.66</u>
SANITATION FUND		
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	523.32
Galeton Gloves	Gloves / DPW	45.15
Calco Chemicals	40 Cases / Blue Bags	2,206.00
Houghton County Treasurer	Oct. Tipping Fees	1,785.00
Total SANITATION FUND		<u>4,559.47</u>
WATER FUND		
UPPCO	Power / Pump House	639.46
SBC	Phone / Pump House	29.18
SBC	Phone / Reservoir	26.15
State of Michigan - DEQ	2 Water Samples	24.00
LLV Equipment Checking	Oct 2005 Equip rents	900.57
Lake Linden Postmaster	11/01/05 Billing	117.66
Prime Supply Co.	Misc.	1,101.90
Standard Electric Co.	Parts	77.46
Kiilunen Repair	Blades	165.00
SemcoEnergy	Heating / Well House	6.75
Quality Hardware	Misc.	42.45
Total WATER FUND		<u>3,130.58</u>
		<u>51,782.42</u>

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier introduced new rates for 2006 for Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage. Because of a reclassification of the village under new rules, premiums increased less than 3% over last year. No further action was required.

Clerk Poirier informed the council that he had received two letters of resignation from the Lake Linden Housing commission. Dennis Racine and Donald Racine had submitted their letters on Wednesday. After a brief discussion about issues at the Housing Commission, a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Frendewey to not accept the letters. All were in favor. Motion was carried. It was then determined that the Executive Committee meet with the two resignees and the other commission members to gather information on what had happened and to withhold a further decision until after that meeting. No further action was required.

The clerk introduced a letter from the DEQ stating that their review showed the boundaries of the streetscape project were not within the floodplain and no permit would be required. No further action was required.

A membership solicitation was read from the Michigan Small Business Association. After a brief discussion it was determined not to join.

Committee Reports:

Finance(Chair:Trustee Frendewey):

Trustee Hamlin said the finance committee had met and that Trustee Frendewey was beginning an extensive review of the budgeting process for the village. He also suggested that Trustee Frendewey be named as committee chair since he will be doing a lot of work in guiding the committee in the coming months. A motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to name Trustee Frendewey as committee chair. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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. They put him in touch with Spear consulting Group out of North Carolina. He stated that the consulting company had worked on 17 golf course projects under a relatively new program through Rural Development. He said he was in the process of gathering more information but said things were still moving ahead and that the golf course project was alive and well.

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 after some repair work.

He also said that the fire truck needed to be sold before winter. He directed the clerk to find a bidder and to do all possible to get rid of it in the next month or so, as previously decided by the council.

Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):

The possibility of raising snow removal rates was brought up because of rising gas prices. Clerk Poirier showed the effect of raising the rates from .25 for hauling and .45 for plowing and hauling to .30 and .50. There was a brief discussion about the effectiveness of a .5 increase. After this, a motion was made by Trustee Heide and supported by Trustee Fisher

issue to get started so that development in the village could be guided in a direction that was beneficial to all residents. No further action was required.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

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

The clerk also introduced a draft of an ordinance by Fred Johnson to adopt the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code as a village ordinance. Chief Chandonais explained that this would allow the village to get a percentage of fines levied from each violation. President Aittama pointed out that the village attorney would have to prosecute offenders if the tickets were fought. The Chief pointed out that that had not happened since she had been here over a year and a half. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to adopt the ordinance draft as submitted. Poll vote: Yes; Hamlin, Fisher, Frohmader, Friendewey and Heide. No: Aittama. Motion was carried.

Downtown Development Authority:

Trustee Fisher informed the council that the DDA had approved two members for recommendation to the council. The first was a new member, Dean Seppala, and the second, Vicki Englund, was reappointed to another term. After a recommendation from Trustee Fisher to approve the appointments a motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve those appointments to the DDA Board. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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 Heide asked if the local Knights of Columbus Council's fishing derby next year could be expanded to include Torch Lake. Although the council admitted to not having the authority to approve or deny use of the Lake it was enthusiastically supported by all members.

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:

After a short discussion it was agreed to hold the village Christmas party on December 10th at the village hall.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

Clerk Poirier announced that the French-Canadian Christmas celebration would be held on December 3rd. Local advertising and posters detailed all the things going on for the weekend.

Adjournment:

Trustee Frohmader supported by Trustee Hamlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.