

**Lake Linden Village Council  
Regular Meeting  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

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, Hoffman, Frohmader, Heide and Aittama. Absence was granted to Trustee Frendewey.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve the December 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:**

Sandra Goodell, Director of Lake Linden Housing Authority, thanked and commended Trustees Hamlin, Fisher and Frendewey on their good work in filling in on the Board of Commissioners at the Housing. She requested that one of them stay on when new applicants were reviewed to facilitate better communications between the Housing Board and the Village Council. The Council agreed that that would be an excellent idea.

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

**Correspondence:**

Clerk Poirier introduced a social security number privacy policy as drafted by Village attorney Fred Johnson. He explained that all municipalities were required to adopt a policy and this draft contained the necessary elements for the policy. After a brief review of the policy a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to adopt the privacy policy as contained in the draft document presented. Poll vote: Yes; Hamlin, Fisher, Hoffman, Frohmader, Heide and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier introduced a second draft of the Resolution Affirming Bond Maturity and Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for the streetscape project. Trustee Fisher explained that it was essentially the same document with the following two exceptions. First, that the bonds mature in 15 years instead of 10 as stated in the previous draft and, second, that a clause was added explaining that the notice of Intent was published with the correct information. After a brief discussion the following Resolution was passed:

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BOND MATURITY AND  
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS**

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**VILLAGE OF LAKE LINDEN**  
County of Houghton, State of Michigan

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Minutes of a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Lake Linden, County of Houghton, State of Michigan, held on the 12th day of January, 2006, at 6:30pm., Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members: President Aittama, Fisher, Hamlin, Hoffman, Frohmader, and Heide.

ABSENT: Member: Frendewey.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Fisher and supported by Member Hamlin:

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Linden, County of Houghton, State of Michigan (the "Village"), intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds (the "Bonds"), pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted a Resolution Declaring Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Intent to Reimburse on December 8, 2005 (the "Resolution of Intent") which, in part, authorized the publication of the notice of intent in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Intent mistakenly indicated the Bonds would mature in annual installments not to exceed ten (10); and

WHEREAS, the Village desires for the Bonds to mature in not to exceed fifteen (15) annual installments; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has caused the notice of intent to be published with the correct maturity term of fifteen (15) years (the "Notice of Intent"); and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to approve the Notice of Intent and ratify its publication by the Village Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bonds shall mature in not to exceed fifteen (15) annual installments.
2. The Notice of Intent and its publication by the Village Clerk are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Fisher, Hamlin, Frohmader, Hoffman, Heide and Aittama.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Robert Poirier, Village Clerk

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance(Chair:Trustee Frendewey):**

Trustee Frendewey was absent but Clerk Poirier explained that he and Trustee Frendewey were to meet next week to agree on a draft of budget numbers. It would then be sent to Council members for review and comment well before the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Domestic Water(Chair: Trustee Fisher):**

There was no report but President Aittama suggested the committee look into instituting a cost-of-living schedule to eliminate the need for dramatic future increases.

**Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Fisher):**

Trustee Fisher explained that he and the clerk were scheduled to meet with representatives of Range Bank and of Rural Development to discuss a new USDA-RDA program that funds new golf course projects. He said the meeting was informational at this stage and

**Sanitation (Chair: Trustee Hamlin):**

Trustee Hamlin informed the Council that Calco Chemical had increased the pricing for garbage bags approximately 4 cents per bag. He said this increase should not immediately require price increases for bags but that the margin needed to be calculated to determine if a price increase was warranted.

**Equipment (Chair: Trustee Frohmader):**

Trustee Frohmader said the search was continuing for a pick-up. He also asked about the old fire truck that had still not sold. President Aittama stated that it had been bid several times but no offers had come in and he would sell it now as surplus equipment.

**Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):**

Trustee Heide said that no parking signs had been ordered for the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street near the new Post 90 building. They would be put up in the spring. He also said that the committee was still looking into new names for Traprock Street and that River Street had been suggested to him several times. He finished by saying that the MDOT Park & Ride lot on the east side of Front street should be graveled and graded in the spring after the contractors sheds were removed.

Clerk Poirier then mentioned that the Michigan House had passed a bill to combine the local and major street funds. It needed to pass the Senate and Governor's desk but seemed likely to do so. He said it would add much greater flexibility to the maintenance of those systems.

**Executive(Chair: Trustee Fisher):**

Trustee Fisher explained that a draft of the contracts for the Clerk/Manager and treasurer had been done and would be presented to them for review. He was hopeful that agreements could be worked out for the next meeting. He also stated that the union contracts for public works and police were up at the end of June and that the committee would now start looking into those negotiations as well.

**Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):**

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

**Downtown Development Authority:**

A vacancy still existed on the DDA and Clerk Poirier said a couple of applications had been received. Steve Pummill, the DDA Chairman, was in attendance and said those would be considered for their next meeting. Mr. Pummill also said that he needed information about the 1994 expansion of the DDA and would hopefully speak with President Aittama immediately after the meeting about that issue.

**Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority**

Trustee Hoffman said that Dennis Racine had been elected as the new TLASA President, but no other report was given.

**Lake Linden Housing Commission**

Trustee Hamlin said a couple of applications for the Housing Board had been received but the committee had not had a chance to review them as there were two Housing meetings between Council meetings. He said the vacancies would be addressed as soon as possible.

**Houghton County Historical Museum:**

No report.

**Torch Lake Area Fire Protection Authority:**

No report.

**Late Agenda Items:**

Trustee Hamlin updated the Council on the Michigan Tech's mini-baha event scheduled for February. He said as many as 25 cars could participate from schools as far away as Georgia Tech were scheduled to come. He said advertising would soon begin in earnest and looked forward to a great event.

**New Business:**

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Announcements:**

Clerk Poirier announced that the ice rink would soon be open and that hours of operation would be announced on the local radio stations.

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Hoffman supported by Trustee Frohmader made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

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James M. Aittama, President

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Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk