

**Lake Linden Village Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 9<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, Hoffman, Frohmader, Frendewey and Aittama. Absence was granted to Trustee Heide.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve the January 31<sup>st</sup> special 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 Hoffman. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

**Public Comments:**

Mary Sager addressed the council regarding the issue of a dog ordinance within the village and within the village park. She said perhaps a limit to the number of dogs per household and a leash law throughout the village should be considered. She also expressed concern regarding the trees in the park and the need to care for them better. They were in bad shape but could still be saved.

**Bills and Financial Statement:**

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

**Correspondence:**

Clerk Poirier read a letter from Brett Hamlin submitting his resignation from the Village Council. He cited health problems and a need to direct his energy towards those issues as the reasons. Each member of the Council expressed wishes for a speedy recovery. It was also unanimously agreed that his efforts while serving on the Council were exemplary and the need to find someone with a similar desire for getting involved were critical. A motion was then made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey to regrettably accept his resignation from the Council. All were in favor. Motion was carried. President Aittama then directed Clerk Poirier to advertise for a new trustee and urged council members to consider possible replacements.

Clerk Poirier introduced a letter from Tammy and Joe Pini expressing their interest in buying a lot in the Sibilsky I plat. Several issues regarding utilities were

addressed and discussed. After considering and deciding not to position the lots in the Sibilsky II plat, the Council agreed to advertise and open for bids all remaining lots in the proposed Sibilsky plat. The open posting would continue until Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The minimum bid for the lots would remain at .38 per square foot.

Clerk Patricia introduced letters to the Council from the Housing Commission for their information. He also said that Sandy Goodell was confused regarding the appointments to the Commission from the last meeting. After a brief discussion a motion regarding the board positions was made as follows: The three new appointees (Alyce Hamlin, Tracy Gagnon and Gagnon) would be sworn in at the next Housing meeting as three new members. A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendey to accept the resignations of Betty Kalcich and Joann LeBlanc from the commission. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

The Council also accepted the resignation of Trustee Hamlin from the Village Council as his resignation from the Housing Commission since he was serving in that capacity. It was determined that Trustee Fisher and Trustee Frendey would remain on the Commission until new appointees could be

made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Fisher to approve the 06-07 budget as presented to the council. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier then requested that the Council approve Mike Jutila as the auditor for this next audit since he was familiar with the numbers and had done the changeover to GASB-34 requirements the year before. A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve Mike Jutila to conduct the 2005-06 audit. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Finally, Trustee Frendewey explained to the council that the general fund indebtedness to the equipment fund that had been eliminated in the new budget still needed to be addressed for this past year. After a brief clarification a motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Fisher to forgive \$67,279.43 in equipment rental charges to the general fund as billed by the equipment fund. Poll vote: Yes; Frendewey, Fisher, Hoffman, Frohmader and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

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

No report.

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

Trustee Fisher updated the Council on the meeting he had with Range Bank and USDA Rural Development officials. He said they had a good conversation but it again came down to the Village not being large enough to support financing of the golf course and eventually needing to include Houghton County in the financial plans. He said he would continue to work towards that end.

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

Clerk Poirier said he would have numbers for a possible necessary garbage bag price increase at the next meeting and said a new chairperson would have to be found after a new Council member was found.

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

Trustee Frohmader said that Jude had showed the 2003 Silverado from Parkway to him and the truck was very nice. At the last special meeting Clerk Poirier was given the authority by the Council to look into financing the truck. A motion was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee Fisher to purchase the truck as soon as it became available to Parkway. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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

Clerk Poirier informed the Council that no official action was taken at the last meeting to change the name of Traprock Street. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee Frohmader to change the name of Traprock Street to River Street to avoid possible confusion with the Traprock Valley road. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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

Trustee Fisher gave a brief update on the streetscape bond progress. He said that after speaking to Miller-Canfield the Council needed to hold a public

hearing to consider the boundary changes for the DDA as was being done for the bond. The following resolution was offered by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Friendewey to set March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall as the date and time for the hearing. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

**RESOLUTION CALLING HEARING REGARDING  
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT  
FINANCING PLAN OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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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 9th day of February, 2006, at 6:30p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time.

**PRESENT:** President James Aittama, Trustee Edward Fisher, Trustee Allan Hoffman, Trustee Mark Frohmader and Trustee James Friendewey.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Heide, Trustee Hamlin.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Linden (the "Village") is authorized by the provisions of Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended ("Act 197"), to create a downtown development authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 197, the Village Council of the Village duly established the Lake Linden Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") which exercises its powers within the District designated by the Village Council (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the Village Council previously approved the Authority's Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Original Plan"), for the Development Area described in the Original Plan on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1989, pursuant to Ordinance No. 13000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Act 197, the Authority has prepared, approved, and submitted to the Village Council for approval an Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Plan Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, prior to approval of the Plan Amendment, it is necessary to conduct a public hearing in connection with the consideration of such proposed Plan Amendment as required by Act 197.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the Plan Amendment from the Authority and directs the Village Clerk to submit the Plan Amendment to the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction within the Authority's District. Submission of the Plan Amendment to the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction by the Village Clerk is hereby ratified and approved.

2. Representatives of the Village shall be available to meet with representatives of each taxing jurisdiction on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 2006, at the Village Council chambers to discuss the Plan Amendment. The Village [Clerk] and [Councilman Fisher] are hereby authorized and directed, as representatives of the Village, to meet with representatives of each taxing jurisdiction.

3. There shall be a public hearing on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 2006, at 6:30 o'clock, p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at the Village Council chambers, which date and time is hereby confirmed, to consider adoption by the Village Council of an ordinance approving the Plan Amendment.

4. The Village Clerk shall cause notice of said public hearing to be published twice before the public hearing in *the Daily Mining Gazette*, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village. The first such notice shall be published not less than 20 days, nor more than 40 days, before the date set for the public hearing and shall be published as a display advertisement prominent in size. The Clerk also shall cause the notice to be mailed by first class mail not less than 20 days, nor more than 40 days, prior to the hearing to all property taxpayers of record in the Authority's District as shown by the most recent tax roll of the Village. The Clerk also shall post, or cause the posting of, the notice in at least 20 conspicuous and public places in the District not less than 20 days, nor more than 40 days, before the hearing. The Clerk shall also cause notice of the hearing to be mailed via certified mail, not less than 20 days before the public hearing, to the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction levying taxes that would be subject to capture if the Plan Amendment is approved. The posting, mailing, and publishing of the notice by the Village Clerk is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

5. The notice of the hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

VILLAGE OF LAKE LINDEN  
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO  
DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE  
LAKE LINDEN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE VILLAGE OF LAKE LINDEN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council of the Village of Lake Linden, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 2006, at 6:30

o'clock, p.m., prevailing Eastern Time at the Village Council Chambers, 401 Calumet Street, Lake Linden, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan Amendment") for the Lake Linden Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the Plan Amendment applies are as follows:

**[Insert description of boundaries of development area]**

Copies of the proposed amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the Village Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the Village Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Plan Amendment for the Lake Linden Downtown Development Authority and all aspects of the Plan Amendment will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Village Clerk's office.

This notice is given by order of the Village Council of the Village of Lake Linden, Michigan.

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Robert Poirier  
Clerk, Village of Lake Linden

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**Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority**

President Aittama informed the Council that bids for televising the system were being sought from three different contractors to find the inflow problems and to determine the course of action necessary to address those problems.

**Lake Linden Housing Commission**

The LLV Commission issues were addressed under correspondence.

**Houghton County Historical Museum:**

No report.

**Torch Lake Area Fire Protection Authority:**

No report.

**Late Agenda Items:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Announcements:**

Clerk Poirier announced that the Western U.P Minor League Baseball Tournament would be held in Lake Linden at the park field. Shane Middleton was the local resident in charge of getting the field ready for the event and told the clerk he would be before the council at succeeding meetings to request help in the form of labor, materials and other issues from the Village to prepare for the tournament, which was scheduled for July 12-15<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Poirier also announced that the MTU Mini-Baja competition was scheduled for Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the park pavilion. More than 20 cars from as far away as Georgia were scheduled to compete with live radio broadcasts, PA announcements and concessions throughout the day.

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Hoffman supported by Trustee Frendewey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

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James M. Aittama, President

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Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk