

**Lake Linden Village Council  
Regular Meeting  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

The Lake Linden Village Council met on the above date in the Village Hall at 6:30pm. President Pro-tem Fisher presided. The following Trustees responded to roll call: Fisher, Hoffman, Frohmader, Heide, Frendewey and Pummill. Absence was granted to President Aittama.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Pummill to approve the March regular meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

A motion was then made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the minutes for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Public hearing. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Public Comments:**

There were no comments from the public in attendance.

**Bills and Financial Statement:**

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

**Correspondence:**

Clerk Poirier reintroduced the Act 51 Street map that had been approved at the March meeting. He said that a proper format for a resolution to add a portion of Hecla Street and the extension of Garden Street needed to be passed for it to be accepted. Clerk Poirier introduced draft copies of the resolutions and after a brief review a motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Pummill to approve the resolutions as submitted, with the addition of legal descriptions of the street centerlines, for Hecla Street between D and E Streets and for the extension of Garden Street. All were in favor. Motion was carried. Resolutions are available at the Village office for review.

Clerk Poirier introduced an ad solicitation from the Daily Mining Gazette's Visitor Guide. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve a one-quarter page ad for \$275. Poll vote: Yes; Frohmader, Frendewey, Pummill, Hoffman, Heide and Fisher. No; None. Motion is carried.

Clerk Poirier read a MML advisory regarding a possible increase in revenue sharing for the upcoming fiscal year and pointed out that it was a refreshing change from the state.

Clerk Poirier introduced a request from Ken Filpus of the MDOT TSC in Ishpeming for a letter of support on a grant that would add bicycle lanes to the resurfacing project scheduled for M-26 in 2008. After a brief discussion it was decided to send the letter in support of the project.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Finance(Chair:Trustee Friendewey):**

Trustee Friendewey reminded everyone that money in the general fund was going to be very tight until the July tax revenue started to come in.

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

Pro-tem Fisher informed the Council that the water committee had reviewed the costs associated with Michigan DEQ compliance and testing on the Village water system. He said those costs exceeded \$3,000 annually and came directly out of the maintenance budget for the system. To compensate those costs he said the committee recommended to the Council that one dollar fee be added to each water bill in addition to water charges. This would generate almost exactly the cost of compliance over the course of the year. He presented a draft copy from Fred Johnson of an ordinance amendment to reflect the proposed fee addition. After some questions and a review of the ordinance amendment, a motion was made by Trustee Pummill and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve adding the \$1 fee for DEQ compliance and testing to the bi-monthly water bills. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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

Trustee Fisher presented the Council with a draft proposal of a boat slip seasonal agreement for the Village marina along with a list of marina regulations. He said Fred Johnson had developed the proposal at his request to get some boats to pay a seasonal rental fee to support improvements to the marina such as a water supply and additional dockage. He said the proposed fee was \$15 per foot per boat and a \$10 per month charge for electrical usage. He said the rates would be used for a year as a trial for future fees and charges. After a brief review a motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Hoffman to approve the regulations and slip rental agreement for a one-year trial. Poll vote: Yes; Friendewey, Hoffman, Frohmader, Pummill, Heide and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

Pro-tem Fisher said he had had a meeting with perspective campground hosts for the summer and thought it would be beneficial to have someone there. He thought if it could be arranged that no money would be paid out it would probably be done.

He also introduced a proposed ordinance amendment to raise the campground fees for the coming summer. The proposal raised the rate from \$15 for hook-up sites and \$7 for rustic sites to \$20 for hook-ups and \$8 for rustic sites. After a brief review and rate history a motion was made by Trustee Pummill

and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve the amendment and support the rate increase to the proposed levels. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Fisher also said the committee would soon begin work on a new 5-year recreation plan for the Council to approve in the near future.

Trustee Heide asked the Council for permission to have a weigh station for the upcoming Knights of Columbus fishing derby at the Village marina on June 10<sup>th</sup>. He said it would be done in cooperation with the Rice Lake Derby and was the inaugural effort. The Council gave permission for the use of the marina facilities for the event.

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

Clerk Poirier introduced a worksheet that pointed out the new rates Calco Chemical, the garbage bag supplier to the Village, had now imposed. They represented a 5-cent per bag increase over previous rates. A proposed ordinance amendment was presented to the Council that called for a 5-cent per bag increase to offset the costs. After a brief review and explanation of the costs a motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the ordinance amendment and raise the price of yellow and large blue liners 5-cents per bag. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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

No report.

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

Clerk Poirier explained that MDOT had requested that the Village sweep M-26 from Tamarack to the Village limit. It would be included on the trunkline report and be reimbursed from that report. The Council decided that in a gesture of good relations with the townships that this could be done.

Clerk Poirier reported that the non-motorized transportation plan agreed to in 2004 called for about \$11,000 in expenditures for non-motorized transportation over the next two years. It was decided that the committee would make a recommendation on those expenditures following the start of the streetscape plan towards the end of the summer.

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

Pro-tem Fisher gave a brief update on the progress of the Pini property situation. He said that it had been agreed to offer them Lot #5 in the Sibilsky II plat. The lot had access to utilities and Fred said the bidding situation could be straightened out by amending the administration ordinance that regulated the bidding process for the Council. That ordinance amendment was presented to the Council for review. It added a clause that called for a two-thirds Council vote to override a bidding process if it was deemed in the best interest of the Village, which in this situation it clearly was. After a brief review and some questions, a motion was made to approve the ordinance amendment as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Then the issue of approving the change of lots being offered to the Pinis was discussed. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Frohmader to approve the change and complete the transaction upon recommendation of the attorney. All were in favor.

Motion was carried. The Council then thanked the Pinis for being cooperative and patient in this process and for helping to work out all the details.

Pro-tem Fisher presented a copy of a proposal by Kim Hoaklund from MTU to the Americana Foundation for a grant to study the possibility of having the Lake Linden downtown district designated a historical district. He said it was possible that she would be requesting some additional funds in the near future depending on the status of the grant submission.

Pro-tem Fisher presented a map and survey report of the land area that Dave Kroenke had requested the Village sell to him. It was a section of Village land not accessible because of a large ravine. The issue had been brought before the Council before so it was a familiar situation. After a brief summary a motion was made by Trustee Pummill and supported by Trustee Friendewey to posat the section of land for sale for a minimum bid of \$750. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Trustee Fisher also reported that the second phase of the building grant proposal to the Americana Foundation had been submitted and would be determined in the next couple of months.

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

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

Trustee Hoffman said he had Chief Chandonais look up some sample sign ordinances but after a brief discussion it was determined that the issue should be looked at as an overall zoning issue rather than a specific sign issue. It was decided to tackle the issue in the near future by perhaps convening a committee to begin that process.

**Downtown Development Authority:**

A vacancy still existed on the DDA Board and DDA Chairperson Steve Pummill said the search was continuing to fill that spot.

The DDA budget numbers were presented to the Council. After a brief review a motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Hoffman to approve the DDA budget. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

**Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority**

Trustee Hoffman stated that the televising of the system would soon begin to determine inflow problems and a remedy for those issues.

**Lake Linden Housing Commission**

Clerk Poirier said that the Commission meeting had been postponed one week. He said that Robert Lang would be sworn in at the next meeting. He would replace Ed Fisher as a member of the Commission. As an interim member, Ed Fisher's resignation would be effective upon the swearing in of Robert Lange as a full-time member.

**Houghton County Historical Museum:**

No report.

**Torch Lake Area Fire Protection Authority:**

Trustee Heide said the Authority met to discuss the line break that had recently occurred in Osceola Township and pay bills. He said it was largely an informational meeting as many of the representatives of the units were new to the Board. He said they would again meet in June to decide on a strategy for addressing the issues pending on the aging system. The Council agreed that information regarding the Village's presence on the Board would be gathered and a further review of the Village's status would be discussed at the May Council meeting.

**Late Agenda Items:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Announcements:**

Trustee Frohmader announced that the Post 90 Grand Opening would be on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Pummill supported by Trustee Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

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Edward Fisher, President Pro-tem

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Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk