

**Lake Linden Village Council
Public Hearing
June 8th, 2006**

The Lake Linden Village Council met on the above date in the Village Hall at 6:30pm for a public hearing. The purpose was to hear public comment on the 2006 proposed millage rate as advertised in the newspaper.

Pro-tem Fisher explained that last year's millage rate was 14.4572, which included 10.3253 for operating and 4.1319 for streets. He said that this year's rate would actually be less than last years because of the Headlee rollback. After determining the total taxable value in the Village the rates proposed as a maximum for this year would be 10.2438 for operating and 4.0993 for streets for a total rate of 14.3431. He said that the Council's intention was to seek this maximum rate for 2006 and invited public comment on the issue.

After a brief discussion Pro-tem Fisher explained that the revenue from the taxes would actually exceed last year's revenue a little because of the increase in the Village's taxable value, but that the proposed rate was less than in any year since 1998. There had been no increases sought over that time and it was possible an increase would be considered in the near future, but for this year the maximum rate without an election would be satisfactory.

There were no comments from the public regarding this issue.

The Council discussed the rates for a few minutes and it was determined that the rate sought for 2006 would be the 14.3431 maximum allowable.

Hearing no further discussion, President Pro-tem Fisher adjourned the hearing at 6:39pm.

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
June 8th, 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: Frohmader, Friendewey and Heide. Absences were granted to Trustees Hoffman, Pummill and President Aittama.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Frohamder and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the May regular 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 Heide and supported by Trustee Friendewey. All were in favor. Motion was carried

Public Comments:

Clerk Poirier explained that the Goel's had inquired about the repair of the wall behind their house along Osceola Street again. He said their position was that it was necessary to keep Osceola Street in place, that by repairing the wall in 1987 the Village had set a precedent, that they were not willing to share in the cost of repairing the wall, and were petitioning the Council to do something with it. After a brief discussion about ownership, surveying and costs of repairing a motion was made by Trustee Heide and supported by Trustee Frendewey to have Jude get an estimate for the repairs and repair the wall if the costs did not exceed \$500. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

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 Frohmader to approve the bills as presented. Poll vote; Yes; Heide, Frohmader, Frendewey and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier read a letter from the Americana Foundation in which it was stated that the Village had received a \$30,000 grant towards the second phase of retoration on the exterior of the Village Hall. He said that \$48,000 had been requested but this number meant that the project could continue and the work could be ongoing this summer.

Clerk Poirier introduced a request from Post 90 for approval of their annual street dance permit. Local governmental permission was necessary for their application. A motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the request. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier read an invoice from Torch Lake Township for 1st responder services for calendar 2005. After a brief discussion it was determined to table the matter until Trustee Hoffman could speak with the Torch Lake Township supervisor on the matter.

Clerk Poirier introduced an announcement for a seminar in Marquette on zoning and planning. After a brief discussion it was determined that the clerk be sent there on July 12th.

Clerk Poirier introduced a maintenance contract from Sayen's for the copier. He requested the Council approve the request since the copier was now beyond the warranty. A motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Frohmader to approve \$204 for the annual contract. Poll vote: Yes; Frendewey, Frohmader, Heide, Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

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

Pro-tem Fisher re-introduced the millage rate proposal as discussed in the public hearing prior to the meeting. As determined in the hearing the Council would seek the maximum allowable rate as reduced by the Headlee rollback fraction. A motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the request for the maximum rate. which included 10.2438 for

operating and 4.0993 for streets. Poll vote: Yes; Friendewey, Heide, Frohmader and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier said that last summer the Council agreed to write off \$2,200 from the rehab fund but neglected to point out a fund to put the money into. He said the auditor suggested it be put into the general fund. A motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Frohmader to deposit that money into the general fund. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Domestic Water(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

No report.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Pro-tem Fisher introduced a projects list to the Council. He asked if the trustees would take the time to prioritize the items on the list and let him know the results as soon as possible. After this public hearings would be held for input on a new five-year recreation plan, a document which is vital in obtaining any future grants for recreation projects. No further action was required at this time.

Sanitation(Chair: Trustee Pummill):

Clerk Poirier said he had spoken to Schoolcraft Township about purchasing locally made dumpsters. He said he would speak to Jude about whether or not we needed more of them.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

No report.

Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):

No report.

Executive(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Pro-tem Fisher gave an update on the streetscape project. He explained that the project would not be ready for the July letting which would put the construction for the project into perhaps September. This would mean that the 6th to 10th Street portion of the project would go into the following spring, but the project would not be affected.

Additionally, Fisher introduced an Ordinance for the Council's approval. It was the final step in the approval of the amendments to the DDA tax increment financing plan and plan development area. He said all of the points addressed in the ordinance had already been discussed and approved by the Council and that this final step was necessary so that the bonds could be finalized. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the ordinance and authorize it's publication. All were in favor. Motion was carried. Ordinance was adopted.

Pro-tem Fisher updated the council on discussions he had had with the DEQ regarding the permitting of the marina in the Village Park. He said apparently not only was a permit necessary for the operation of the docks as a marina with seasonal rentals, but it was also necessary just to function as it had been for the last ten or so years. He said he would be going through the

permitting process beginning immediately and would coming back to the council with further updates on the process.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

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

Downtown Development Authority:

No report.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

No report.

Lake Linden Housing Commission

Pro-tem Fisher introduced a draft proposal for an appointment policy for filling Housing Commission vacancies. He explained the need for some sort of policy and asked for input from the Council on this draft. No other action was required at this time.

Houghton County Historical Museum:

Clerk Poirier said that the HCHS Board had retained, through donations, the services of a grant-writer and fund-raiser to pursue the options for purchasing the C & H powerhouse. He said things were very preliminary and would bring further reports to the Council in the near future.

Torch Lake Area Fire Protection Authority:

Trustee Heide said the Authority was meeting next week and would have the revenue billed to them by the Village.

Late Agenda Items:

Trustee Heide reminded the Council about the activity in the park this weekend for the Knights of Columbus' fishing derby.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

Trustee Frohmader said that the 2006 Relay for Life dinner would be held at the American Legion building in two weekends.

Also, Chief Chandonais announced that Josh Peters new baby Abby had arrived on Wednesday.

Adjournment:

Trustee Frohmader supported by Trustee Friendewey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Edward R. Fisher, President Pro-tem

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk