

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
August 10th, 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, Pummill, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader, and Frendewey.

Approval of Minutes:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Heide to approve the July 18 special 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 July 31st special meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Trustee Pummill and supported by Trustee Fisher. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Public Comments:

Clerk Poirier asked if there was a procedure for adding or changing names to the honor roll in front of the Village Hall. President Aittama said the Legion was responsible for maintaining the honor roll and its content.

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, Frohmader, Hoffman, Heide, Pummill and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier read a letter from the Sportsmens Club regarding improvements made on their property. They requested that the lease payment of \$250 be waived since improvements totaled more than the \$250. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey to accept the enclosed improvement receipts in lieu of the annual lease payment of \$250 for 2006. Poll vote: Yes; Fisher, Frendewey, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader, Pummill and Aittama. No; None. Motion carried. The stipulation was also made that future improvement cost-sharing or lease-forgiveness requests would need to be approved in advance by the Council.

Clerk Poirier read a letter from MERS acknowledging receipt of the request for an actuary study to determine if a change would be made in the retirement plan. This study had been agreed to in the union negotiations currently under way. No other action was necessary.

Clerk Poirier read a membership dues request from the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance. After a brief discussion it was determined that the membership would not be renewed.

Clerk Poirier introduced a letter from Mary Sager to Jude Kalcich regarding her work in the village park. Trustee Fisher asked if she wanted the council to pursue her continued volunteer efforts but she said they were no longer being offered.

Clerk Poirier informed the Council that the MML annual convention was being held in Marquette in September. After a brief discussion it was determined that no representative would be sent this year.

Clerk Poirier informed the trustees that the filing deadline for the November general election was Tuesday, August 15th.

Clerk Poirier said that the package insurance review would be done and the premium be established by the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance(Chair:Trustee Frendewey):

Trustee Frendewey informed the council that the audit report was completed and that it was being typed up in its final form. He said that the finance committee was in serious discussions about the general fund budget issues and the findings would soon be presented to the trustees for consideration.

The following series of motions was needed to complete the audit.

Authorize the Village Clerk to move money from the Major Street Fund, retroactively to 2/28/06, for short-term shortfalls, into the general fund.

M: Trustee Frendewey 2: Trustee Fisher Poll vote: Yes; Frendewey, Fisher, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader, Pummill and Aittama. Carried.

Forgive \$39,813.02 in equipment rentals from the general fund to the equipment fund (retroactively to 2/28/06) to reduce deficit.

M:Trustee Frendewey 2: Trustee Fisher Pollvote: Yes; Frendewey, Fisher, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader, Pummill and Aittama. Carried.

Resolution for the equipment fund to contribute \$115,988.22 to the general fund (retroactive to 2/28/06) to further reduce the general fund deficit.

M:Trustee Frendewey 2: Trustee Fisher Poll vote: Yes; Frendewey, Fisher, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader, Pummill and Aittama. Carried.

Equipment fund to forgive \$4,694.84 in equipment rentals to the sanitation fund to eliminate sanitation fund deficit.

M:Trustee Frendewey 2: Trustee Fisher Poll vote: Yes; Frendewey, Fisher, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader, Pummill and Aittama. Carried.

Make the 25% contribution from the major street fund to the local street fund retroactive to 3/1/05. This increases the contribution to local from \$2,131.81 to \$18,752.61 and eliminates the deficit in the local street fund.

M: Trustee Frendewey 2: Trustee Fisher Poll vote: Yes; Frendewey, Fisher, Heide, Hoffman, Frohmader, Pummill and Aittama. Carried.

Domestic Water(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher said that the auditor thought it a good idea to look at rates to be certain that the bond payments could be made. Overall the water fund looked okay for now.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher gave an update on the marina permitting process. He introduced a letter in which the boaters that rented the slips could make a donation in lieu of formal charges.

Trustee Fisher gave a brief golf course update stating that the focus was now on the USDA Rural Development's guaranteed loan program.

Trustee Fisher also gave a brief overview of the campground, touching on possible rate changes, necessary maintenance issues, and possible improvements in the future.

Sanitation(Chair: Trustee Pummill):

Trustee Pummill said the council should give future consideration to putting the annual fees back on the village tax bills.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

No report.

Streets(Chair: Trustee Heide):

Clerk Poirier informed the council that Dick Supina and Jack Dueweke had secured a \$148,000 grant from the Army Corps of Engineers to continue lining the 2nd Street storm sewer. They were still trying to get a little extra money to complete the last 80 feet.

Executive(Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher gave an update on the streetscape project. He said that the bid came in 12% below budget and that the bond would be issued based on that number on August 23rd. He said the MDOT revised number meant that the 5th to 10th Street portion was still problematic but he hoped that UPPCo could see fit to help out the village in some sort of cost-sharing arrangement.

Trustee Fisher informed the council that the Sibilsky II plat had been resubmitted and word was expected any day on final approval.

He also reported that the work on the south face of the village hall under the Americana grant had been completed. He said Stouffer had again done an excellent job and that the cost of the project would be 100% contained in the \$30,000 grant award amount.

He finished with a report on the historic designation grant being done by Kim Hoaklund. She was scheduled to be on hand for the DDA meeting to give more detailed information on the project.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

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

Downtown Development Authority:

No report.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

Trustee Hoffman reported that a notice was going out to residents with floor drains connected to the system to ask if they wanted repairs made. He said the televising had gone well and showed a better than expected result. They were exploring two different avenues for funding further improvements.

Lake Linden Housing Commission

Trustee Fisher explained that in a response from HUD regarding a pending conflict-of-interest claim for a new appointee it was explained that it did indeed represent a conflict. To straighten out the problem, a motion was made by Trustee Friendwey and supported by Trustee Fisher to rescind the appointment of Robert Lang to the Housing Commission Board. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

To fill the two remaining seats on the Board a motion was made by Trustee Pummill and supported by Trustee Fisher to nominate Nora Britz and Robert Heikala to the Housing Commission. All were in favor. Motion was carried. Trustee Fisher then explained that he and Trustee Friendwey, who had been appointed to interim positions on the Board, would tender resignations upon the swearing in of the two new appointees.

Houghton County Historical Museum:

No report

Torch Lake Area Fire Protection Authority:

No report.

Late Agenda Items:

None

New Business:

Clerk Poirier stated that the Ceremony dedicating the delisting of the Superfund site would be held on Thursday, August 17th at 1pm at the campground pavilion.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Trustee Friendwey supported by Trustee Frohmader made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk