

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
April 3rd, 2008**

The Lake Linden Village Council met on the above date at the Village Hall at 6:30pm. The following Trustees responded to roll call: Fisher, Hoffman, Frohmader, Friendewey, Hamlin, Schuldt and Aittama.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Agenda:

A brief discussion of the agenda resulted in two additions and a motion from Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Public Comments:

None.

Bills and Financial Statement:

The bills and financials were introduced. Clerk Poirier pointed out that the sander/spreader was on the Capital Outlay line. He also said the cash flow projection chart usually attached would be included next month. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve the bills as presented. Poll vote: Yes; Schuldt, Hamlin, Fisher, Frohmader, Hoffman and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier introduced a sheet of rates and charges for various Village goods and services along with a review of items that could be considered for review on an annual basis. He went over the sheet and some of the rates briefly and a brief discussion ensued.

Trustee Fisher said that he wanted to discuss a property purchase with the Council and it was decided to discuss it in closed session at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Hamlin said that what should be done is the text of each ordinance presented along with the proposed change in the wording from the actual rate to the phrase "as determined by the Village Council". The synopsis for publication could also be presented and then those rates that the Council wanted changed could be addressed. It was then decided that the trustees would review the rate sheets between now and the next meeting and the review and approval of all new rates and other items would be done at that time.

Clerk Poirier informed the Council that a seminar for funding and maintaining water systems was being held on April 30th in Marquette. The Council said that the Clerk should attend.

Clerk Poirier introduced a copy of the United States EPA newsletter and pointed out that the Torch Lake cleanup was the cover story.

Committee Reports:

Executive (Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher informed the Council that the actuary study had been received from MERS and that it would be discussed in a closed session near the end of the meeting. President Aittama stated that an item to be addressed was to discuss Jude Kalcich's view of the window. He said that he should be assured the same consideration would be given when he decided to retire as well. The Council said that no decision either way had as yet been made but that it would address the issue in the closed session.

Utilities/Services (Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

No report.

Buildings & Parks (Chair: Trustee Frendewey):

Public Works Foreman Jude Kalcich said he would like permission to install air dryers in the park restrooms. He said the current towel dispensers were in need of replacement and purchasing towels would no longer be necessary. The Council agreed to purchase the dryers and have them installed.

Equipment (Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

No report.

Streets (Chair: Schuldt):

Jude Kalcich pointed out that the flags for the poles along Calumet Street were in very bad shape. The Council directed him to get new brackets and to price new flags. Trustee Fisher stated that it was something that the DDA could also look at getting.

Mr. Kalcich also asked about the 9th Street paving project and what, if anything the Village would be adding to the project, i.e. curb, storm sewers, etc. He was instructed to get with Dick Supina to determine costs for improvements they thought necessary.

Public Safety (Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

Trustee Hoffman read the police report for February and march into the record. A motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve the report as read. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Trustee Hoffman explained that he was having a meeting with Torch Lake Township supervisor Brian Cadwell to work out an extension to the agreement with Bootjack First Responders, which lapsed early in the year. He would have more information at the next meeting.

Zoning Task Force: Trustee Hamlin said that he and Trustee Schuldt would be attending a seminar on community planning on Friday and that the electronic versions of the ordinances were the first priority. Software to help with the process would be installed next week.

Downtown Development Authority:

Trustee Fisher said that a program for façade improvement downtown was being modeled after other community plans and would be up for consideration shortly at the DDA.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

Trustee Hoffman said that the letter from the Village to the Authority outlining a plan to divide the restitution from the former treasurer was tabled until the April meeting.

Lake Linden Housing Commission

No report.

Late Agenda Items:

Trustee Fisher said that a meeting with Hitch Engineering to get under way with the 2008 Americana grant went well and bids would be let very soon.

He said that in conjunction with this was the old fire siren in the tower. The renovation called for closing up the open louvers with windows which would make the siren unusable. After a brief discussion it was decided to remove it and perhaps relocate when a suitable location could be found.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Frendewey to adjourn to closed session. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

President Aittama brought the Council back into public session. The following motion was then made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Schuldt:

Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits
(Other than DB Component of hybrid program)

In accordance with the MERS Plan Document of 1996, The Village of Lake Linden (Municipality #3105) adopts the following benefits for 3105 – Division 1 (General):

Supporting Supplemental Valuation is dated March 14th, 2008.

Provision for Earlier Normal Retirement: F50/30

The window period shall be from April 1st, 2008 until June 30th, 2008.

AYES: 7 (Hamlin, Schuldt, Fisher, Frohmader, Hoffman, Frendewey and Aittama)

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution unanimously carried.

I hereby certify that the preceding resolution was adopted by The Lake Linden Village Council on April 3rd, 2008 at it's regular meeting.

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk

A motion was then made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Friendewey that upon Jude Kalcich's request, at any time prior to his becoming eligible under the terms of the MERS Benefit plan, the Council shall make a retirement window available under the same terms and conditions as the current window opportunity. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Frohmader and supported by Trustee Hoffman. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk