

**Lake Linden Village Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 15th, 2008**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Public Comments:**

Clerk Poirier announced that Melissa Davis from the New Power Tour would give her presentation between the Council meeting and the DDA meeting.

**Bills and Financial Statement:**

The bills and financials were introduced. Clerk Poirier pointed out streetscape expenses had been finalized, paid and that a balance of about \$1,800 remained. He also said that the general fund was down to \$27,000. Cash flow projections always had May and June as the lean revenue months leading into the summer tax collection. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve the bills as presented. Poll vote: Yes; Frendewey, Schuldt, Hamlin, Fisher, Frohmader, Hoffman and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

**Correspondence:**

Clerk Poirier said that private lots west of the village were being sold and that, although they were platted lots and platted streets they did not yet exist as such. President Aittama said that adding those streets should be reviewed by the street committee for a report at an upcoming meeting.

Tammy Pini announced to the Council that the wives of the firemen were planning to reorganize the Auxiliary and asked that she be allowed to put an announcement in the upcoming June newsletter. The Council agreed that both would be good ideas and encouraged her to keep them updated.

Clerk Poirier introduced the annual membership dues notice from the Michigan Municipal League. Trustee Hamlin said that since a great deal of work was being done on new ordinance amendments their resources would be invaluable. After a brief discussion a motion was made by trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to approve the \$1,070 for a 2008-09 membership. Poll vote: Yes; Hamlin, Fisher, Frendewey, Hoffman, Schuldt, Frohmader and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier introduced an agreement to approve having the street dance on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, submitted by the Lakes Lounge. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Schuldt. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier said that a seminar on reporting and usage of Act 51 street funds was being held in Escanaba on June 18<sup>th</sup>. He said the information was very important to keep up on and asked that he be allowed to attend. Trustee Schuldt said that as street committee chair he would also like to attend. A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve travel expenses for the clerk and trustee to attend the seminar. Poll vote: Yes; Fisher, Friendewey, Frohmader, Hoffman, Hamlin, Schuldt and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier introduced a thank you card from Chris Lajimodiere thanking the Council for the opportunity to retire. A discussion began regarding retirement considerations for Chris. A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frohmader to pay \$200 for a retirement bonus to Chris. Poll vote; Yes; Fisher, Frohmader, Hamlin, Friendewey, Hoffman, Schuldt and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

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

Trustee Fisher informed the Council that the grant project had ground to a halt pending the testing of paint chips from the tower being repaired. He said the tests were to determine if they were lead based. If they were, then the parameters of the project would have to be changed drastically to accommodate the requirements for its removal.

He also said that the Houghton County historical Society was being uncooperative in approving the grant agreement from the Americana Foundation and had their attorney send a four-page contract with stipulations that were bordering on offensive. A discussion followed in which it was decided that other 501c3 organizations would be sought for future applications through the Americana.

### **Utilities/Services (Chair: Trustee Hamlin):**

Clerk Poirier said that the new billing program was on line and operating in conjunction with the old system. He said that both systems would turn out bills for the upcoming delinquent cycle, but he intended to send out the old bills. This would allow a review and notice in the June newsletter for residents to become familiar with the new-look bills.

Trustee Hamlin introduced the text of an amended sanitation ordinance to the Council. He said that the specific fees and rates had been removed and replaced with the clause "rates and fees identified in this ordinance shall be set by Council resolution.) After a brief rundown of the changes he presented the following resolution to the Council.

**Resolution to adopt Amendments to Ordinance Series 2000, Chapter 2001;  
Garbage, Rubbish, Trash and refuse Collection**

Whereas, the Lake Linden Village Council has undertaken ongoing efforts to codify and simplify the Ordinance manual, and

Whereas, to this end the Council has determined it is necessary to have a more efficient and cost-effective process for setting rates and fees within it's current ordinances,

Be It Resolved, therefore, that the Lake Linden Village Council hereby approves amending Sections 7a, 7b, 7c, 10, 11, and 12, on this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2008.

Motion: Hamlin

Support: Frendewey

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Trustee Hamlin then introduced a resolution to the Council setting the current rates under the terms of the ordinance.

**Resolution to set Rates and Fees for Ordinance Series 2000, Chapter 2001;  
Garbage, Rubbish, Trash and refuse Collection**

**Be It Resolved**, that the rates falling under Ordinance Series 2000, Chapter 2001; Garbage, Rubbish, Trash and refuse Collection, shall be as follows:

Garbage Bags: Yellow(Medium) -	\$ .80
Blue (Large) -	\$1.05
Blue (Small) -	\$.50
Dumpsters: Commercial -	\$160.00/ bi-monthly, one pick-up per week
Rental -	\$35.00 one week, one pick-up
Annual Fee:	\$50.00, billed April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Large Item Sticker -	\$5.00, one-time use
Deposit	\$100.00
(imposed for previous delinquency, as per amended ordinance)	

These rates shall be in effect immediately after the passing of this resolution and shall remain in effect until amended by the Village Council.

Motion: Hamlin

Support: Schuldt

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion was carried.

Trustee Hamlin then introduced a quote from Resourceful Bag & Tag for color-coded garbage bags. He said that the quote would save about \$1,600 per

year over the cost of bags from our current provider, CalCo Chemical. He said the quote was apples to apples and that Calco had not submitted a competitive quote as requested by the clerk. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Fisher to accept the bid from Resourceful Bag & Tag and make them the new provider for bags in the Village. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier introduced three quotes for materials for the new water line on Chagnon Street, which included a new hydrant at the north end of Chagnon. The quotes were as follows:

HD Waterworks.....	\$8,362.00
First Supply, LLC.....	\$8,666.14
Prime Supply.....	\$10,553.90

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Fisher to accept the low bid of HD waterworks for materials to complete the project. Poll vote: Yes; Schuldt, Fisher, Frohmader, Frendewey, Hoffman, Hamlin and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

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

Clerk Poirier said he had been approached by Little league that they had received a quote from UPPCO for installing power at the Lakeside Ballfield for \$600 and that the Association would like to cost-share the installation with the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey to pay \$300 towards the installation. Poll vote: Yes; Fisher, Frendewey, Frohmader, Hoffman, Hamlin, Schuldt and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Trustee Fisher informed the Council that he had been developing signage for the marina with The Print Shop in Houghton as previously outlined. He said that the signs were very nice and were ready to be completed. He said the DDA had pledged \$1,000 toward the signs but that \$400 more was needed to complete the payment. A motion was then made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve spending \$400 to cover the remaining costs for the signage. Poll vote: Yes; Fisher, Hamlin, Hoffman, Frohmader, Frendewey, Schuldt and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

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

No report.

**Streets(Chair: Schuldt):**

Clerk Poirier informed the Council that the 9<sup>th</sup> Street area had been reviewed by Jude and Dick Supina and that they didn't think any added projects were necessary prior to the repaving in mid-July. The drainage issues were to be addressed by the paving by using the rolled curbs between Front and Calumet Streets.

The clerk said he had been approached by Lake Linden Housing to add parking spaces alongside the building on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. He said at most it would entail breaking up the existing sidewalk to pour an apron for the spots but that approval was needed for access to that Street. A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve allowing access to

third street for the purpose of adding more parking by LLV Housing. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:**