

**Lake Linden Village Council
Public Tax Rate Hearing
July 7th, 2008**

Clerk Poirier introduced to the Council and the public present a worksheet outlining the tax rates from 2007 compared to the proposed rates for 2008 as reduced by the Headlee Amendment. He said the base rate calculated by the County Equalization was the rate charged if no action was taken by the Council. By virtue of holding the hearing for public comment the maximum allowable rate was slightly higher.

He also stated that, at prior meetings, Trustee Hamlin had recommended that the sanitation millage be increased by .25 mils to balance the sanitation fund for this year. This was possible because the maximum rate allowable by Headlee for sanitation had not been levied.

These rates were as follows:

Operating	10.2622
Streets	4.1066
Garbage	<u>1.2500</u>
TOTAL	15.6188

The floor was opened for public comment. A comment was received on the assessment process and how Township tax questions were resolved. No comments were received on Village taxes or tax rates.

Hearing no other comment or discussion, President Aittama adjourned the hearing at 6:36pm.

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
July 7th, 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, Frohmader, Frendewey, Schuldt and Aittama. Hoffman and Hamlin were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Agenda:

A brief discussion of the agenda resulted in one addition and a motion from Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey 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 because the meeting had been moved up some of the recurring bills for July were not yet payed or had not yet been received.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve the bills as presented. Poll vote: Yes; Friendewey, Schuldt, Fisher, Frohmader, and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier introduced a draft of a contract submitted by UPPCo for allowing festoon circuits on utility poles within the Village. The clerk said the most obvious clause upon first review was the prohibition against holiday lighting stretching from pole to pole. He said that the document would be sent to the attorney for review and discussion at the next meeting.

A letter was read by Clerk Poirier from Charlie Heide offering his resignation from the DDA Board. A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Fisher to accept his resignation. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier said that the Council would enter into closed session near the end of the meeting to discuss employee compensation issues.

Committee Reports:

Executive (Chair:Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher said the firs order of business was to approve the proposed tax rates as discussed in the public Hearing. After a brief recap, a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve levying the following rates for 2008:

Operating	10.2622 mils
Streets	4.1066 mils
Garbage	<u>1.2500 mils</u>

Total 2008 levy: 15.6188 mils

Poll vote: Yes: Fisher, Friendewey, Frohmader, Schuldt and Aittama. No; none. Motion was carried.

Trustee Fisher then presented a draft of the proposed Strategic plan to the Trustees and public present. He said there were some major themes addressed in the draft such as placing a strong focus on young people within the village, achieving the National Historic District Designation for the downtown area and attracting and keeping businesses and providing infrastructure and utility improvements to residents. He solicited comments from the Council members

and from the public concerning the draft and said further discussions would be taking place over the course of the next few weeks.

Utilities/Services (Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

No report.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Frendewey):

Clerk Poirier said that a new renter for a seasonal slip had asked about pro-rating the annual cost since it was already mid-July. It was decided to charge the \$5 per day fee until Labor Day and use that as the revised rate for the new renter.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

President Aittama said that he had been approached by a local business about renting the bucket truck. The Council agreed the state Schedule C rate could be charged but the issue of liability should be addressed by the Village's agent.

Streets(Chair: Schuldt):

Clerk Poirier informed the Council that the paving quote came back from Siler a bit higher than expected...about \$45,000 higher. He said that one of the projects could be cut (Pine Street) to get to the previous estimate but that he would talk to Jude about prep work quoted that could be done by the Village crew. After a brief discussion a motion was made by trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Fisher to approve up to \$27,500 in expenditures in negotiating with Siler on the prep costs. Poll vote: Yes; Schuldt, Fisher, Frohmader, Frendewey and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

There was no police report available for the meeting.

The clerk gave a brief rundown on the weekend festivities. He said there were several minor incidents but considering the number of people in town they were relatively minor. He said he had received many positive comments on the fireworks and the vendors in the park all seemed satisfied with the arrangements and with the facilities.

Chief Parker also noted that the fire department did have a good weekend and said everything went as well as could be expected. He said the street condition did not seem to play a major part and moving the bicycle parade to Front Street was going to be a permanent move since traffic diversion was much easier and convenient for motorists as well.

Zoning Task Force:

Trustee Schuldt said there was an upcoming meeting and that progress was still being made.

Downtown Development Authority:

Trustee Fisher said that the resignation had created a vacancy but that the DDA had no pressing issues other than the development of the grant program that they were working on.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

President Aittama said that the relining and videoing of sewers was well under way and that the project would be continuing through the fall.

Lake Linden Housing Commission

Commission Director Michelle Myers and Commission President Jason Reese gave a brief update on projects ongoing and on occupancy ratings for the Commission.

Late Agenda Items:

None.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation issues.

After several minutes President Aittama called the open meeting back in session. He said that issues related to clerk, treasurer and police chief salaries had been discussed. At this point, a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve the following pay increases effective July 1st, 2008:

Police Chief:	3%
Treasurer	5%
Clerk	5%

Poll vote: Yes; Fisher, Frendewey, Frohmader, Schuldt and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Announcements:

President Aittama announced that he would not seek the office of President in November but would run as a candidate for one of the Trustee positions. He said that Trustee Fisher and he had discussed it and that Trustee Fisher would be running for the office of Village President in November.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Frohmader. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18. There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk