

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
August 14th, 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, Hoffman, Hamlin and Aittama.

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.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Public Comments:

Steve Pummill was on hand to request that the Council consider selling Village land north of the lots on the north side of Aspen Drive to the residents of that street. President Aittama stated that restrictions as far as building on those parcels would have to be included in the sale. Mr. Pummill said that would not be a problem. It was decided that he would meet with Village engineer Dick Supina about the land in question.

Also, residents from Chagnon Street commented that the Village crew had done a good job on the street after the water line had been replaced there.

Bills and Financial Statement:

The bills and financials were introduced. Clerk Poirier pointed out that recent projects and expenses in the water fund had delayed the payment into the bond account for about one month. That payment was needed to make the principal payment on the bond in October. He said that the payment could be made but that he would gather information on rates and income in the fund to present to the Utility Committee. He stated that a rate increase, discussed for several months by the Council, would have to be seriously considered.

He also stated that only 30% of the tax levy had been collected and that the general fund cash flow projection looked good for half way through the fiscal year.

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

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier introduced a contract submitted by UPPCo for allowing festoon circuits on utility poles within the Village. He said that Village attorney Dave Mechlin had reviewed the document and said that it was a standard service contract and recommended the Village sign it. A motion was made by Frendewey

and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve and authorize the President to sign the contract as per the recommendation of the attorney. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

The clerk then introduced a request for liquor license transfer for Lindell's from Voyageur Enterprises, Inc. back to Frances Grunow. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve recommending the transfer back to Ms. Grunow and adopt the resolution. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier said John Codere had approached him about the possibility of purchasing the lot owned by the Village along Torch lake at the end of Gregory Street. The parcel had been obtained in a land swap with the American Legion in 2005. After a brief discussion in which Council members expressed a hesitancy to put the parcel for sale, John Codere interjected that he didn't realize the parcel in question was quite so big and that he would prefer to turn his attention to a lot in the Sibilsky II plat. Clerk Poirier said he would speak to Jude and Dick Supina regarding the lot and get some information for him as soon as possible.

A letter from the Michigan Works program was read by the clerk announcing that the two summer youth employees who worked at the Village had received the summer youth award and that a banquet was being held at which they would receive the award. RSVPs were needed for those who wished to attend by Monday the 18th.

Committee Reports:

Executive (Chair: Trustee Fisher):

Trustee Fisher re-introduced the final draft of the Strategic Plan he had been working on. He said that the public hearing had received only very limited public comment and none appeared negative. Since all residents and trustees had had an opportunity to review and comment and the final draft was acceptable to all, he asked that the Council consider it's approval. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Frendewey and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve adopting the Strategic Plan as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Trustee Fisher then updated the Council on the Americana project for the Village Hall. He said work was scheduled to begin very soon and would be completed by this fall. He said the decision had been made to go with a copper-colored roof on the cupola and that all involved were in favor of the decision.

Trustee Fisher finally informed the Council that in keeping with an important priority included in the strategic plan, he had held several meetings regarding the possibility of a teen center in the community. First, a meeting had been held at the Hall with a Board member from a downstate community center about steps they took and are taking to build and fund their center. Next, he met with administrators at the school regarding the issue. And finally, he met with students at the school about their thoughts on the matter. He said all signs were positive and everyone agreed it was a great idea. Now, we needed to continue preliminary talks and keep moving forward with the very young process.

Utilities/Services (Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

No report.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Friendewey):

Trustee Friendewey said he had begun talking to some design people at the university regarding an open air pavilion for the ice rink. Nothing specific had yet been discussed but he was hopeful of getting things going toward that goal.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

No report.

Streets(Chair: Schuldt):

Clerk Poirier said that two issues on the agenda had been discussed with Jude Kalcich and were in the process of being addressed. A parking issue on 3rd street near Nitrate Eliminators would be discussed with engineer Dick Supina and a solution found amenable to those residents.

It was also brought to the Council's attention that an issue with one of the sewer linings in the 9th Street project would cause a serious delay and possibly lead to tearing up the newly laid asphalt. Alternative methods of addressing the problem were being considered and the tearing of the pavement was a last resort.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

Trustee Hoffman read the June/July police report into the record. A motion was made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Schuldt to accept the report as presented. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Chief Parker presented the fire report. He said that since 7/17 they had received 6 fire calls, including the large brush fire earlier in the week at Rice Lake. He said there were 6 lengths of hose lost and would be submitted for insurance claim. Finally, he said they had added Jason Reese as an alternate and had ordered gear for him.

Zoning Task Force:

Trustee Schuldt said that no real progress had been made but that the committee would again begin meeting in the fall.

Downtown Development Authority:

Chairman Pummill informed the Council that a Market Analysis for Lindell's that had been commissioned by the DDA had been completed. Results were available in electronic format for interested Trustees. He was asked also if the owners of the gas station had planned to rebuild. Trustee Fisher said he received an email from Jim Plowe saying that they hoped to get designs back shortly and were planning on the rebuilding being completed by early winter.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

President Aittama said the project was continuing and was to be completed by the fall.

Lake Linden Housing Commission

No report.

Late Agenda Items:

Clerk Poirier asked the Council for approval of \$365 to purchase a new desk for the office. After determining that it fell under the Capital Outlay budget for the general fund and there was still money in the budget for that purpose, the purchase was approved for the requested amount.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

The clerk announced that the Renaissance Faire was being held in the park on the weekend but did not know the exact times and days. DDA chairman Pummill said that with advanced warning the DDA could aid groups like this with advertising for events in the park.

Trustee Frohmader also announced a golf outing and pig roast to benefit the Lakes Linebackers and the LLHHS football program on Saturday.

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 7:23. There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk