

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
October 9th, 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, Schuldt, Hamlin, Frohmader and Hoffman.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve the September regular 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 Hamlin to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Public Comments:

Gary Marcotte, representing the Knights of Columbus, addressed the Council regarding their annual fishing derby. He gave a brief background on the event, that proceeds were for charitable purposes, and stated their desire to hold the 2009 event in the Village park. He said it would be held on Saturday, June 6th, 2009 and would require the use of the pavilion as well. President Aittama asked what the Council required from the Council. Mr. Marcotte said they would like to utilize the Village website for the derby and some printing and copying and printing services for the event. After the presentation the Council agreed that it was a worthwhile event and a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Hoffman to work with the Knights to provide some administrative services and have the event held in the Village Park. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Bills and Financial Statement:

The bills and financials were introduced. Clerk Poirier pointed out that the annual insurance premium and the paving projects were paid and those payments were reflected in the statements.

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

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier introduced a quote solicited from Charter Communications for phone, internet and cable services for the Village Hall. He said that the bundle offered by Charter for all the services was less (\$242/month) than the current phone charges from AT&T (\$260). He said the water billing server issues were in part related to the Pasty internet connection and Trustee Fisher pointed out that the Pasty interface was just another issue for the IT Oxygen crew to deal with when updating the program. After a brief discussion a motion was made by

Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Fisher to change the phone service to Charter and to include the bundled services of cable and internet and to approve costs involved in the changeover. Poll vote: Yes; Schuldt, Fisher, Hoffman, Frohmader, Hamlin and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive (Chair:Trustee Fisher):

Materials were presented to the Council regarding the possible sale of Village parcels behind the lots along the north side of Aspen Drive. The sale of these parcels was requested in a petition from the five homeowners along the street at the last meeting. Dick Supina developed a map to outline the size of the parcels. Trustee Fisher said he had developed a spreadsheet and at .19 per foot, one half the costs of the lots in Sibilsky Acres, \$14,741 would be generated by the parcels. After a brief discussion in which the possibility of deed restrictions was mentioned by Trustee Hamlin, a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Fisher to put the parcels up for auction at the .19 per foot plus the cost of engineering fees needed to prepare the properties for sale. Poll vote: Yes: Schuldt, Fisher, Hoffman, Frohmader and Aittama. No; Hamlin. Motion was carried.

Trustee Fisher informed the Council that work was almost completed on this phase of the Americana project on the tower. He said that the current project had uncovered issues with the front of the building that would have to be included in an application for next year from the Americana. That application process would begin shortly after the current project was completed.

Utilities/Services (Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

Trustee Fisher introduced a spreadsheet outlining the effect of different water rate increases on the revenue collected in the fund. He said the committee had discussed and agreed that the numbers specified in the spreadsheet (\$32.00 base charge for residents, \$39.75 for non-residents and a .30 per thousand gallon rate increase) would net about \$7,800 over the course of one year (six billings). Clerk Poirier said that this increase would allow for payment of the 2009 bond installment and the Council could then take a closer look at rates over the next year. President Aittama asked if the new rate structure fell within the guidelines set forth in the water agreement with Schoolcraft Township and Trustee Fisher said that it did. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Schuldt to proceed with the necessary steps to amend the rates within the ordinance and to enact the rate increase as soon as possible. Poll vote: Yes; Hamlin, Schuldt, Fisher, Hoffman, Frohmader and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Frendewey):

No report.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

Trustee Frohmader said he had spoken to Jude Kalcich and said Jude was still looking for a pick-up truck that the Council had previously approved for \$10,000. He also presented information on a John Deere Tractor with

attachments that could be used for plowing sidewalks and various other tasks. Trustee Frohmader said he would get more information for the November meeting.

Streets(Chair: Schuldt):

No report.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

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

Trustee Hoffman said that Chief Peters had requested additional funding to keep the current part-time officers working throughout the winter. A quick calculation indicated that \$4,000 would keep the two part-time officers at one shift per week throughout the winter. Trustee Hoffman pointed out that the community survey indicated police protection was a priority for the Village. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee Fisher to allocate the \$4,000 necessary to allow for two shifts at \$13.00/hr. for the two part-time officers. Poll vote: Yes; Hoffman, Fisher, Frohmader, Hamlin, Schuldt, and Aittama. No; None. Motion was carried.

Zoning Task Force:

Trustee Hamlin said that the committee would be meeting more often as the coming months progressed and hoped to have progress in the next several months.

Downtown Development Authority:

Trustee Fisher outlined briefly two new programs developed by the DDA. He said the DDA had been discussing their role in assistance to businesses but that the discussions were still constructive.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

No report.

Lake Linden Housing Commission

President Aittama said that Alyce Hoffman's term as Commissioner at the Housing Commission was up and she needed to be re-appointed. President Aittama recommended her for re-appointment and a motion was made by Trustee Fisher and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve her recommendation for appointment. All were in favor with Trustee Hoffman abstaining from the vote. Motion was carried.

Late Agenda Items:

None.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Hoffman and supported by Trustee Frohmader. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

James M. Aittama, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk