

**Lake Linden Village Council
Regular Meeting
May 14th, 2009**

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Aittama and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the May 4th special 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 Hamlin and supported by Trustee Friendewey to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Public Comments:

Rick Vendlinski addressed the Council regarding a proposed new event to be held in the Village Park. He outlined the development of a new 5k or 10k race to be held in town. He said the route had yet to be determined and the details worked out but there was significant interest and the Lake Linden DDA had received the idea very favorably. He went on to say he thought that the Village should own the event and it could be an annual affair, perhaps developing into a triathlon in the future. He said after reviewing a schedule of other events

After the presentation the Council expressed total support for the project and a motion was made by Trustee Aittama and supported by Trustee Hamlin to support the event but to defer a monetary appropriation until such a time as specific expenses were determined. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

A resident asked if the tennis courts in the park could be improved since they were in poor condition. The Council said Public Works would be notified to see what could be done.

Bills and Financial Statement:

The bills and financials were introduced. Clerk Poirier pointed that a new utility van with lift had been purchased under the Capital Outlay budget in the equipment fund. He said it was purchased at auction for \$4,000. He also said that the State of Michigan had cut revenue sharing payments for the remainder of the year by \$3,600. A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Hamlin to amend the 2009-10 budget to reflect the new lower number. Poll vote: Yes; Schuldt, Hamlin, Friendewey, Aittama and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried. A motion was then made by Trustee Friendewey and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve the bills as presented. Poll Vote: Yes: Friendewey, Hamlin, Aittama, Schuldt and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Clerk Poirier read a letter from George and Delora Hoganson regarding the disposition of the C & H Powerhouse building on the outskirts of the Village. President Fisher said he had responded to the letter in general terms and would discuss the annexation issue later under Executive.

Clerk Poirier read a letter from the DEQ regarding the Wellhead Protection Program and grants available. No action was taken.

Clerk Poirier told the Council he had been approached by Lake Linden football coach Andy Crouch about using the Little League Field for a summer football camp. A motion was made by Trustee Aittama and supported by Trustee Hamlin to allow the facility to be used for the event provided it was cleared by the Little League officials. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier said the Gazette contacted him about a campground insert in the paper and was supposed to send information that had not yet been received. There was a brief discussion and a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Aittama to approve up to \$500 to advertise in the special section. Poll vote: Yes; Aittama, Schuldt, Frendewey, Hamlin and Fisher. No; None. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier introduced a request from the American Legion Post 90 to hold their annual street dance on the 4th of July. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Frendewey to approve the application for temporary liquor license and the street dance. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive (Chair:Trustee Fisher):

Clerk Poirier announced that one bid had been received on the parcels placed up for bid at the special meeting of May 4th. It had been received from Robert Erickson for parcel number 44 in Sibilsky Acres II in the amount of \$6,426.00. Since the bid exceeded the minimum posted bid, Trustee Schuldt, supported by Trustee Frendewey, made a motion to accept the bid of \$6,426.00 from Mr. Erickson and to stipulate that 10% of the bid price be paid until the paperwork could be finalized and the deed written. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

President Fisher informed the Council that formal requests were being submitted to the Village by Torch Lake and Osceola Townships for supplying water and various levels of service for the new water project in Hubbell and Tamarack. He said that number had been determined for pre-construction estimates but now, to place a bid on actually supplying the services, he wanted to get the Council's approval to proceed. A motion was made by Trustee Aittama and supported by Trustee Schuldt to approve the preparation and to submit a formal bid to the townships for their consideration and for the final numbers and acceptance to be approved at a subsequent special meeting of the Village Council. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

President Fisher said had spoken to Dennis Barrette, a county commissioner, and to Brian Cadwell, Torch Lake Township supervisor, regarding the progress of the Brownsfield application request of Louis Meneguzzo's

powerhouse property. He said that they told him that they were willing to go forward with the project but that the County would not underwrite any funds for the purpose of Brownsfield development monies. President Fisher said he was anxious to see progress soon and said if visible progress was not being made he would likely begin the push for annexation once again. Trustee Aittama said that the annexation would be a tricky business but he would support it if the Houghton County Historical Society was also included. President Fisher stated that, at this point, no action was necessary on this issue until the amount of progress was determined.

The issue of the rebuilding of the Cenex station was raised and the general consensus was that progress was extremely slow and the site needed to be addressed prior to the 4th of July holiday so last year's holiday demolition scene was not repeated.

Clerk Poirier informed the Council that the audit had started for the past fiscal year. He said things would be hectic until the end of the month at least.

Utilities/Services (Chair: Trustee Hamlin):

No report.

Buildings & Parks(Chair: Trustee Frendewey):

President Fisher introduced the teen center conceptual plan to the Council. He said there was nothing of consequence to report other than the vision of what the building would look like and what would be included were yet to be determined. He looked forward to further developing the project but said it was something "down the road" and a fun project to work on.

Equipment(Chair: Trustee Frohmader):

The clerk said the van purchase had been covered under the financial statements.

Streets(Chair: Schuldt):

Clerk Poirier said that St. Joseph Church had rescinded its request for additional handicapped parking spots. He said they were working with the school on its new project to straighten out parking problems in the lot there.

Public Safety(Chair: Trustee Hoffman):

Clerk Poirier introduced a police report for April. A motion was made by trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Schuldt to accept the police report as read. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

There was no fire report.

Clerk Poirier introduced a draft of a reciprocal agreement between the Bootjack first responders and the Lake Linden Village Police Department. The draft is as follows:

**RECIPROCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LAKE LINDEN VILLAGE AND TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP**

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2009, by the VILLAGE OF LAKE LINDEN, a Michigan municipal corporation, and the TOWNSHIP OF TORCH LAKE, a Michigan Charter Township.

The Village of Lake Linden operates a municipal Police Force, duly deputized to enforce laws in the County of Houghton. The Township of Torch Lake operates the Bootjack Fire and Rescue Service, certified as First Responders serving the Village of Lake Linden, County of Houghton.

This purpose of this agreement is to outline reciprocal terms for extending services from the above entities to each of the communities. The specific terms of the agreement shall be as follows:

1. The Bootjack Fire and Rescue First Responders shall continue to render services in the Village of Lake Linden as they have in the past.
2. The Lake Linden Police Department will patrol the Torch Lake Township waterfront recreation area periodically on days/evenings when officers are on duty and will provide a final check of those facilities at closing time for the summer months (Memorial Day weekend through September 30th) on those nights as well.

These services will reciprocate and no other compensation based on the above-mentioned services will be required. This agreement will not preclude additional services being compensated upon agreement of both parties.

This agreement can be cancelled by either party provided written notification is received 30 days prior to the discontinuation of services. This agreement shall take effect upon its signing by both party representatives.

After a brief discussion of the terms a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and supported by Trustee Hamlin to approve the agreement and authorize the President and Clerk to sign and send it on to Torch Lake Township. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Clerk Poirier said there was no further word on the Rural Development vehicle grant but he still had hopes of getting funded by the end of May.

He also said no word had been received on the grant submitted under the COPS grant program.

Zoning Task Force:

Clerk Poirier submitted a draft of an open fires ordinance that had been reviewed and discussed by the task force committee. He went over a few of the sections that were debated by the committee members. After several minutes of discussion it was decided to refer it back to the committee to work out the final details and present it again at the June meeting for final approval.

Downtown Development Authority:

Chairman Steve Pummill informed the Council that the trail sign was in the process of being updated and would be in place soon. He said Jude Kalcich had

said beach sand would not be necessary this year but suggested new garbage can lids for the cans in the park. The existing lids were too heavy and people would not lift them to place garbage inside but place garbage on top. He said that Jackie Aalto was also conducting the DDA audit and that documents had been submitted for her review.

Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority

No report.

Lake Linden Housing Commission

President of the Housing Commission Jason Reese was on hand and said the Commission had received monies from the federal stimulus totaling \$103,855. A full-time maintenance position had been added and things were running very smoothly.

Late Agenda Items:

None.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Hamlin and supported by Trustee Friendewey . All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm. There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

Edward R Fisher, President

Robert A. Poirier, Village Clerk