

## VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 6, 2017

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday March 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included President Jordan, Treasurer Hussain, Clerk Somers and Council Members Gauthier, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski.

Mike Serafin, fire chief stated that there were 12 medical runs and 5 fire runs within the past month. One firefighter is on medical leave for a broken hand. One firefighter is still attending fire training. Mike attended a 2 day fire conference in Traverse City over the past weekend. There are some repairs needed on the fire trucks and brush rig. He hopes to have things all repaired within the next month. The radio fees to the State of Michigan have been paid in full. There will no longer be any user fees associated with radios. He asked for an increase in pay for those fire fighters and medical first responders who are fully qualified. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Mahalak to increase the pay by \$5.00 per run for those who are fully qualified firefighters and Medical First Responders effective April 1, 2017. Motion carried.

Kathy Putsky asked if our maintenance man has been able to get all the lights off the trees. They've all been taken down and she will go through them to see if any of them are able to be salvaged for use next year.

President Jordan gave the Sewer report. The flow meters seem to be working again. The permit for the ground water discharge has been started. Dave Walters of the DEQ and Rich Gillespie of Alpena Septic have been working with Phil and Holly to get everything taken care of. A checking account has been opened for the SAW grant. The Street Report was given. Keeping the streets clean and safe has been the biggest challenge this past month. Thanks to Steve and Derek for their diligence. We are supposed to get an additional 23% in our road funding in our March checks from the state. We were turned down for the grant on Main Street and Barlow Road project. We were advised to resubmit for consideration in the next budget year.

In old business Bill Putsky stated that he has looked into recycling programs in the area. He said that he feels it is not a good fit for the Village at this time. In new business Amanda Zielinski stated that she and Karen Godi have been working on a letter to business owners and ask them to give input for the website. When the weather gets warmer they hope to get photos of each individual business and upload them to the site. President Jordan suggested that it would be interesting to see how many hits the website is getting on a monthly basis. Bill Putsky presented a check for \$3,000 from the Brownlee Lake Association for the boat launch project. Additional funds will come from the Village per our original grant agreement. Thanks BLA members.

President Jordan gave his report. The Chili Cook-off will no longer be an event that can be held within the Village. The district health department has stated that due to concerns about preparation of foods in private kitchens and equipment being used we do not qualify for being able to continue holding this event. We want to thank Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter for their hard work over the past several years on the Trick or Trunk and Chili Cook-off events. There are several repairs needed for village vehicles. Some of things will be fixed after the new budget kicks in. Buoys are in need of being fixed as well. The pickup has been repaired and returned

from a recent mishap. One of our lights was knocked over while a village lot was being plowed. The company responsible for the accident has offered to repair the broken light. Council Members discussed it and members agreed that a new light needs to be installed. A tree on South Sleeper needs to be cut down once the weather breaks.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Mahalak. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Gauthier. Carried.

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