

## VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 7th, 2016

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday November 7, 2016 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, P. Somers, Stutzman and Zielinski. Absent was members R. Somers. Also present was Attorney Cook. The minutes of the October meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Zielinski. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Treasurer Hussain gave a brief overview of the current tax collections which are at about 90%. As a part of the recent audit findings it is necessary to amend the budget quarterly. Holly and Linda will be working on streamlining the budget to make it easier to coordinate with the QuickBooks accounting that we use. There are currently 2 items that need to be amended for this quarter. Following a discussion a motion was made by Zielinski to combine Fire Department Salaries (-2,726.64) and First Responder Salaries (5,160.00) and to move \$13,000.00 from Fire Department Capital Outlay to Salaries to cover the remainder of the budget year. Additionally Fire Department Supplies (-4,794.20) and Fire Department Other (8,751.87) will be combined to cover supplies and fire department other account items. Gauthier offered support. Motion carried. The Treasurer and President met with auditors from Stephenson and Gracik and presented their findings to the Council. There will be some changes made to help with segregation of duties in the future. Additionally there needs to be a new credit card policy and EFT. All checks will need to be checked by a Council Member to compare invoices and checks so that a 3rd party has verified that things are in order. Sara Healy has graciously offered to take care of the task, thanks Sara! President Jordan said we are definitely making progress.

Fire chief Mike Serafin stated that there were 4 fire runs and 10 medical runs in the last month. A driver's training was done recently. Six of our fire department personnel attended. The fire safety program was held for the head start students at Alcona Schools. The group also participated in the Trick or Trunk and Chili cook-off event. New equipment was installed on the brush rig.

There were no public comments made.

The Sewer report was given. The flow meters have been giving off high readings which would signify that something is wrong with them again. Our system is capable of handling 10,000 gallons per day. Once we get to 6,000 gallons per day we need to get a groundwater discharge permit. Dave Walters of the DEQ has been very helpful and has allowed us to work on getting things fixed properly. It is a process that would require someone being trained to take care of the process. President Jordan has been in contact with our engineer and also with Rich Gillespie of Alpena Septic Service. He stated that he thinks we should apply for the groundwater discharge

permit to cover us in the event that we need it in the future. President Jordan stated that we need to also consider looking into another option to the current flow meters. He will also pursue the permit if we need it. The street report was given. President Jordan attended the Region 9 task force meeting in Atlanta last week. We have upgraded our plan for Barlow Road but we are still inline for the safety grant and also to redoing the storm drains and curbing. The Sheriff's report was also given. President Jordan asked that we keep our eyes and ears open as there have been 3 benches damaged recently.

In old business, Stutzman asked about the status of the roadway in front of Lincoln Outdoor Center. He expressed concern as there is a new building and he wonders what can be done. Gauthier asked about the status of the sign for the fire department. President Jordan asked that we consider adding this to the new budget. Healy presented a proposal for the updated Master Plan.

President Jordan will talk with Denise Cline and present his findings at the next meeting.

In new business Zielinski stated that the chili cook-off and trick or trunk was a huge event. First place went to Cox Plumbing & Heating, 2nd went to Snyder's Pharmacy and 3rd place was the Farmer's Market. For the soup contest Jen Manning and Kirk Sherwood took 1st place and the Lincoln Methodist Ladies took 2nd place. Huron Community Bank took the prize for best decorated vehicle and Alcona Animal Clinic won for best decorated business. Carol, owned by Andy and Naomi Cox won the pet costume contest. Amanda and Karen Godi are working together on the website and will be looking for input from the community.

President Jordan thanked John Stutzman for his many, many years of service. This is also Dick Somers' last month to serve on the Village Council. We wish both guys well.

President Jordan gave his report. He thanked Kenny LaLonde for his work on all our Village equipment. Thanks also to Brad and Lucy Cole for their donation of the sign in front of the Hall. He stated he is very impressed with the turnout for the Chili Cook-off. The Christmas lights have been put up on the poles and many of the trees. The Lincoln Lions have offered to help pay for new swim platforms/docks for Brownlee Lake beach in conjunction with the project that is currently underway. We are still awaiting news on whether or not we will get the grant that has been applied for. Thanks to our maintenance man Steve for all his work around the Village.

The bills were approved on a motion from Zielinski with support from Healy. Carried. Motion to adjourn from Stutzman with support from Gauthier. Carried.

Linda K. Somers

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