

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 7, 2016

Lincoln Village Council met on Monday March 7th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present included: President Jordan, Treasurer Hussain, Clerk Somers and Council Members, Gauthier, Healy, P. Somers, R. Somers, Stutzman and Zielinski.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Mary Kossa, former Village Treasurer. Mrs. Kossa passed away February 23rd. Council Members gathered at 6 p.m. to thank Mary for her years of service including a plaque to honor her memory. Flags will be lowered to half-staff next Monday March 14th in remembrance of Mary. Bonny Gauthier stated that she would like to make a motion to purchase a tree and place in the park beside the hall. Stutzman offered support. Motion carried.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy.

Bill Putsky presented information regarding the DNR grant for the boat launch that has been applied for. The Village Council has agreed to apply for this grant and Bill has been working on the grant process. A resolution (16-1) was presented for consideration to get the 100% effort for the DNR grant and to allow President Jordan to sign for any paperwork as needed. There are two different grants that we are applying for. One is for a National Trust Fund grant both grants are for 25% funding from the Village. Bill explained that we would not get both, only one would be awarded. Gauthier made a motion to pass a resolution to apply for both the National Resources Trust Fund Grant and for the Passport grant. Stutzman offered support. Roll call vote was taken. Gauthier, Healy, P Somers, R Somers, Stutzman & Zielinski. All Ayes. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday March 9th at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall to discuss both grants.

Mike Serafin gave the fire and first responder reports. There were 11 medical runs and 5 fire runs in the past month. He thanked those who responded to the various runs. He stated that he would like to send one person to first responder training in Alpena. The training will be held from March 10th through May 19th twice weekly. There have been some repairs on the vehicles. There will be some wildland training in March. It will be held with members of the DNR. Some new gear has been ordered for new members on the fire department. President Jordan asked about having Mike look into purchasing a generator for use at the hall and the maintenance shop. He will report back at the next meeting.

Two bids were received for replacement of the roof on the Village Hall. Bids were received from John's Home Maintenance and Leavesley Construction. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Healy to accept the bids and award the contract for \$8,820.00.

Kathy Putsky stated that a Texas Hold-em fund raiser will be held at the Poker room in Oscoda. Kathy asked to have the Council's support in their endeavor. A resolution (16-2) to support the

charitable gaming license by the Brownlee Lake Association for the purpose of supporting the Brownlee Lake improvements was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. A roll vote: Gauthier, Healy, P Somers, R Somers, Stutzman and Zielinski. All ayes. Resolution passed. Bill Putsky thanked the Council for their support in the grant process.

In old business Amanda Zielinski stated that she has been working with Karen Godi on the Village website. They will be working with webmaster Eileen Oposnow to get everything up to par. They are hoping to link area businesses and organizations together on our site. Sara Healy is still looking for people to serve on the planning commission. Bonny Gauthier asked about whether or not the carbon monoxide detectors or smoke alarms have been purchased. Mike Serafin will take care of purchasing them. John Stutzman asked if the snowmobile race information was on our webpage. Amanda stated that they hope to get things put on there for next year as nobody had contacted us. No new business was discussed.

President Jordan gave his street report. Thanks to Dave James for his help with snow cleanup during the last 2 storms. He ran the loader for several hours. President Jordan stated that while looking over the State Map for Act 51 funding he found 2 streets that were not named properly. A recommendation was made by Phil Jordan to make the name changes to 1 Industrial Drive to Mills Industrial drive and 2 Millen Street from Lake Street to Alger Street to Northwest Jordan Street. Motion was made by Gauthier to pass a resolution (16-3) to legally change the names of 2 streets. P. Somers offered support. Industrial Drive to Mills Industrial Drive and Millen Street from Lake to Alger Street change to Northwest Jordan Street. Both changes will become effective immediately. Roll vote was taken, Gauthier, Healy, P Somers, R Somers, Stutzman and Zielinski. All Ayes. Resolution passed. South Second and South Lake Streets are in need of some work. President Jordan will get some information to present at the next meeting. He said these streets are some of the worst in the Village. The sewer report was given. Everything appears to be working fine however the gallon meter is not recording properly. Rich Gillespie of Alpena Septic service will be in contact with Phil later in the week. The Sheriff's report was also read.

The Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday March 27th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The DNR grant hearing will be held on Wednesday March 9th at 6 p.m. Council members are asked to attend if possible. President Jordan has put together a maintenance plan for the Boat Launch on Brownlee Lake. This is to ensure that all bases are covered in the application process. Thanks to Attorney Cook for his help in getting all the paperwork taken care of and answering all the questions.

Thanks to John Oliver for his help in the grant process as well. The girls at Miller Office Machine have been wonderful in their help with email issues regarding the grant. Kenny LaLonde has been great in helping fix our equipment. He got the truck up and going immediately – thanks Kenny!! The snow blower has been getting a huge workout. President Jordan stated that it needs to be reconditioned in the spring so that it is working well for next winter as well.

Motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Healy. Carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Carried.

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