

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 4, 2015

The Lincoln Village Council met Monday May 4, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present included President Jordan, Treasurer Kossa, Clerk Somers, Assistant Treasurer/Clerk Hussain and Council Members Gauthier, Healy, Kohn, Somers and Stutzman. Absent was Council Member Phillips. Also present were several guests. Minutes of the April meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. Treasurer Kossa stated that the reconciliation reports for all bank accounts are available for anyone that wants to look through them. She asked that spending be kept to a minimum until tax money starts rolling in. We will be paying the DDA soon and should be receiving our delinquent tax funds shortly.

Evelyn Good presented the DDA budget for approval by the Council. Motion was made by Gauthier with support from Somers to approve the DDA budget for 2016. Motion carried.

The DDA Budget:		
INCOME		
Estimated balance from 2015	\$263,760.00	
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Interest	135.00	
TIFFA Alcona County	39,130.00	
TIFFA Gustin Township	6,217.00	
TIFFA Gustin Twp. Fire Millage	9,005.00	
TIFFA Village of Lincoln	69,958.00	
Subtotal		\$124,445.00
TIFFA Passthrough		
MSU Extension	1,310.00	
Library	4,682.00	
Gustin Twp. Road	18,680.00	
ACCOA	4,781.00	
Ambulance	9,365.00	
Subtotal		\$38,818.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$427,023.00
EXPENSES		
Administrative	500.00	
Beautification	3,000.00	
DDA Consultant	24,000.00	
Economic Development	63,200.00	
Financial Audits	2,100.00	
Fire Department	1,666.00	

Legal Fees	500.00	
Membership Per Diem	3,600.00	
Village Administrative Fee	20,000.00	
SUBTOTAL		\$118,566.00
Passthrough Reimbursements		
MSU Extension Office	1,310.00	
Library	4,682.00	
Gustin Twp. Road	18,680.00	
ACCOA	4,781.00	
Ambulance	9,365.00	
SUBTOTAL		\$38,818.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		
		\$157,384.00
FUND BALANCE		
		\$269,639.00

Mike Serafin gave the fire and medical first responder report. There were 5 medical runs and 3 fire runs for the month of April. He stated that the fire in the Barton City area over the weekend burned approximately 1,000 acres. Several members of our department responded. He reminded residents to be cautious due to the extremely dry conditions. Four fire department members attended Fire Hydrant training recently in Harrisville along with several other departments. President Jordan will be working with Mike to resolve an issue regarding radio fee billings. Council Members thank the fire department for all their efforts with the recent fires.

Kathy Putsky stated that she is very impressed with how nice Barlow Road Park is looking. President Jordan thanked Evelyn Good for all her help and dedication to the Village through her work with the DDA. Debbie Shaneour stated that the bubblers are up and running on Brownlee Lake. The Brownlee Lake Association is intending to stock the lake with more fish again this year. The group will be holding a golf outing on June 13 and the annual boat parade on August 1st. They will also be holding a garage sale to help raise funds. A grant is being submitted to the DNR for work on the boat launch. Bill Putsky is working on this project. Bonny Gauthier is working on the Council's portion of this endeavor. She will be working with Bill and someone from NEMCOG to get our Park and Recreation plan Debbie stated that 2 more benches have been ordered and the missing bench has reappeared. The beautification committee is holding a meeting on May 9th. The group is planning to clean and paint an area in the back corner of the post office parking area. She said all the flowers are perennials and should come back very good this year. They are also looking at the trees that may need to be replaced. Troy Somers stated that he has sent out letters to property owners that need to attend to cleaning up their properties. Attorney Cook has spoken with one of the property owners. He is trying to comply with the clean-up effort but renters have left a lot of their personal items behind. President Jordan suggested waiting until the next meeting and if nothing is resolved we can then move forward.

President Jordan gave the Sewer report as was presented by Rich Gillespie of Alpena Septic. The Street Report was also given by President Jordan. He recently attended a meeting in

Montmorency County regarding road funding that is available to the Village. They have made a list of all roads and work that they would like to have done on each one. Guidelines from the task force say we need to have all roads surveyed and this will be used to help plan for the future.

President Jordan stated that he needs a complete list of all money that is in the accounts for Major and Local Streets. This will aid in helping plans to be developed for several years in the future. A report from the Sheriff's office was received that gives a rundown of all activities within the Village.

In old business Gauthier stated that Steve has fixed the tube that popped up from the ditch in front of her home. She also expressed concern about the skateboarders that continue to use the Village streets and sidewalks. The tennis courts are available for them to use but we continue to have a problem with this issue. We will look into having an ordinance written to address the problem. Bonny suggested looking into putting in a skate board park area. President Jordan stated that we could consider that as part of the grant we are applying for through the DNR for parks and recreation improvements. Kohn gave an overview of the website usage in recent months. He said a lot of people are looking at our site and the numbers continue to rise.

In new business Stutzman asked about the status of the ball diamonds. Diamond dust has been spread on the small field and it is being used a lot. Gauthier asked that residents be reminded about the county wide clean-up on May 16th at the ARA site. She asked that we also include a Village wide cleanup of yard waste. It has been scheduled for Wednesday May 20th. Leaves need to be bagged and branches need to be bundled and set at the curb by 9 a.m. Stutzman asked about the status of a generator and a plan for residents during power outages. President Jordan will check into it and report back at the next meeting.

President Jordan gave his report. He read a letter from the state regarding a training seminar to be held about road funding. The dump truck has been fixed and it is working great. Lights have been removed from the trees downtown by the beautification committee and other volunteers. The beach area and parks have been cleaned up, Thanks Steve!! Work has begun on the Flights of Imagination to get everything in shape. President Jordan stated that a report will be put together that includes checking all parts of the playground and keeping everything in good working order.

Jordan questioned whether Council Members are interested in pursuing having a bar/restaurant in town. In order to have one we will once again have to have a resolution to reestablish a redevelopment project area. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Healy to establish a redevelopment district to be identical to the boundaries of the DDA district. A roll vote was taken: AYES Gauthier, Healy, Kohn, Somers and Stutzman. NAYS none. Absent Phillips.

In other business, water will be turned on and restrooms will be opened for the summer months. Two electrical boxes need to be taken care of around the flower planters. Jordan will get ahold of the electrician. The floating swim platform needs a new ladder or repairs need to be made to the existing one. A meeting will be set up with Bob Morand of Stephenson Gracik to get Mary and Holly up on the new bookkeeping system. President Jordan will see what he can set up. A letter was received from Arlene Churilo regarding support from the Village for fireworks in Barton City. Since last year's request the group has re-established a 501C status. Council

Members discussed the request and a motion was made by Healy to contract with the Barton City Improvement Association to support the 4th of July fireworks in the amount of \$200.00 which benefit the Village residents. Gauthier offered support. Motion carried.

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

Linda K. Somers
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