

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 2, 2015

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday February 2, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance included: President Jordan, Clerk Somers, Council Members, Gauthier, Healy, Kohn, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman. Treasurer Kossa was absent. Also present were Attorney Cook and guests.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Phillips. Treasurer's report was unavailable since Mary Kossa is not able to be here. Holly Hussain has expressed an interest in filling the position of Deputy Treasurer/Clerk. Motion was made by Phillips with support from Gauthier to appoint Holly Hussain as Deputy Clerk. Carried. Motion was made by Healy with support from Gauthier to appoint Holly as Deputy Treasurer. Carried. Welcome Holly.

Laurie Ames of Catholic Human Services appeared asking for Council's support to declare April as Social Host Awareness month. They are trying to call attention to the problem of parties that allow alcohol to be served to minors. She also reminded people of the problem of drugs that are often left lying around. She stated that a red barrel is in place at the Sheriff's Department for disposal of old unused drugs. A yellow jug is in place in many area pharmacies to take back controlled substances. Troy Somers, Zoning Administrator stated that he has turned all paperwork involving a home on Barlow Road over to our Attorney. They are being asked to clean up their property regarding our blight ordinance. Our maintenance man asked about our liability regarding snow piles and people running into or through them. President Jordan stated that it has to be put into a pile and then removed elsewhere.

Mike Serafin, fire chief was unable to attend the meeting as he is going through a class in Alpena. President Jordan gave the report provided by Mike. There were four fire runs and thirteen Medical runs. The Street and Sewer reports were given. The Street report is the same as last month, things are doing fine. The Sewer system is doing very well.

In old business Somers asked about the status of cones on the sidewalk near Second and Main Street. Jordan stated that someone ran over an electrical peadock and he wants to be sure no one hits it again. Phillips stated that the meeting with MDOT officials regarding the intersection of Barlow and Traverse Bay. Suggestions were received regarding a change in signage or lighting that could possibly help reduce the liability for the Village. He hopes to meet with Consumers Energy officials and see what the cost would be for having a light put up at that corner. He asked about the ORV signs being installed near the ball fields to curtail usage by snowmobiles. Somers expressed concern about salt being used on sidewalks. He said it can ruin them if it is used too heavily. President Jordan stated that they are being very cautious about the amount of usage.

In new business Glenn Kohn met with Eileen Oposnow regarding the website for the Village. He said that both he and Eileen agree that there is a lot of work to be done to get things up to speed. He will be the go-to person between the Council and Eileen. He will be getting various things updated and will pass the information along.

President Jordan gave his report. He said the Village Street map is ready to be mailed back to the State. A Thank-You was read from Brenda Cordes and Gail Keenan for the replacement of a bench that was lost/stolen. The loader has been repaired and is being used a lot. A tree has been cut from the beach area that retained damage from a fire last summer. A traffic study is going to be done by MDOT to see about bus service throughout the Village. A complaint about snow removal along Village Streets will be addressed tomorrow by President Jordan. He stated that our streets are our main priority. He wished everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day as well.

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

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