

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 1, 2023

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday May 1, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in honor of recently deceased former Village Council Members Patricia Somers and Bill Putsky as well as former Village President Phillip Jordan. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Werth. Member Wambold was absent. The minutes of the April Meeting were approved on a motion from Durham with support from Gauthier. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Schick with support from Durham. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Gauthier with support from Lucas. Mike Serafin approached the board regarding Memorial Day observances. The American Legion will be here at 11 a.m. for a service in the Veterans park beside the Village Hall. A motion was made by Durham with support from Schick to sign an agreement with the Lincoln Baseball & Softball and 4-H for use of the fields within the Village. Carried. Mahalak stated that a stove was donated by Coles Appliance for use at the Pavilion Kitchen. Thank you Brad and Lucy Cole. A request was received from Josie Schmidt for use of the pavilion during the nice weather for cardio drumming class. Council members were in agreement to allow usage as long as the pavilion was not being rented. The village clock has been put back in place next to the Post Office. Thank You to Alcona Motors for painting it and to Ron and Michele Wambold of All About That Design for the new lettering.

An ordinance was presented following the recommendation of the Planning Commission and a public hearing that was held on April 17th to rezone the property located at 106 E. Hawley Street known as the Barber Shop/apartment from Multiuse to Commercial Business District. A motion was made by Schick with support from Lucas. Roll Call Vote: Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Werth all AYES, No NAYS one absent. Ordinance passed. ORDINANCE # 23-2 Amending the Zoning Ordinance was adopted on May 1, 2023. The amendment shall take effect on the 8th day after this publication. The full zoning ordinance and the full text of the amendments can be found at <https://www.lincolnmi.com> A summary of the amendment rezones parcel 052-000-030-004-00 at 106 E. Hawley Street from Mixed Use District to Central Business District. An Ordinance was presented for Blight Elimination following a recommendation from

the Planning Commission and a public hearing that was held on April 17th. A motion was made by Durham with support from Werth to adopt the ordinance. Roll Vote Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Werth All AYES no NAYS one Absent. Ordinance passed. ORDINANCE #23-3 Passed on May 1, 2023 and shall take effect on the 8th day after this publication. It is the purpose of this ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight or potential blight in the Village by the prevention or elimination of certain causes of blight or blighting factors which exist or which may in the future exist in the Village and to rehabilitate already blighted areas in the Village. The full text of the Ordinance may be found at <https://www.lincolnmn.com>

Fire Chief Billy Cordes gave his letter of resignation as chief of the Fire Department. A motion was made by Schick with support from Gauthier to accept Billy's resignation with regret. Durham voted no. Carried. Billy stated that he would still like to see approval for purchasing of SCBA's that are needed for the Fire Department before he leaves. A motion was made by Durham with support from Gauthier to purchase 4 air packs/ SCBA's for \$41,022.00. Motion carried. The funds will be taken from the Fire Department Savings. A quote was received for a generator for the Fire Department usage at the hall. A discussion was held about what can be done. Gauthier made a motion to table the discussion and Schick offered support. Carried. Gary Graves gave the maintenance report. He's currently getting everything ready for Spring and Summer. Bids were received for cameras at various locations in the Village. A discussion was held on whether or not we should look for grant dollars or consider getting a system that is cheaper. For now we will hold off on installation of cameras at the Hall and Maintenance Building. We may consider adding in the future or adding it as a budget item in the 24/25 budget. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Schick to approve adding cameras to the Pavilion/Playground area. We would take half the cost of the cameras be taken out of the Friends of the Playground fund and half from the General Fund under Playground Improvement. Motion carried. The sewer report was given by Brent Werth.

There are some concerns about the path that would be followed leading to the car charging station. Some property owners are unsure if they want to allow usage of their property for this project. Durham will see what he can do to get answers to questions. A work bee is planned for June 7th and 8th to seal Flights of Imagination Playground. Work will begin at 3 each day. Members of the community are urged to join us in getting this project done. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Lucas. Motion carried.

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