

## VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 6, 2015

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday April 6, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present included President Jordan, Treasurer Kossa, Clerk Somers, Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Hussain and Council Members Gauthier, Healy, Kohn, Somers and Stutzman. Absent was Council Member Phil Phillips. Minutes of the Budget Hearing were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Somers. Minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. Treasurer Kossa was welcomed back. She thanked Council Members for the flowers, visits and cards while she was a patient in Tender care/Alpena. She and Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Hussain will be meeting with Bob Morand from Stephenson/Gracik to get the new bookkeeping format up and running. She further stated that she hopes to settle up with the county and the DDA to settle the final tax bills. Motion was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Sheriff Doug Atchison gave a report on activity within the Village as well as the County. Out of over 3000 calls to the department 152 were for the Village within the past year. He stated that recently there has been some B&E's of area businesses. He stated that most of the arrests are eventually traced back to drugs. Personally he has put in for grant funds for \$50,000 for mobile data terminals in each car. This will lessen the time officers normally had to spend on doing reports. He was able to send 2 officers for training in Search and Rescue. Council Members questioned Doug about police presence in the Village and about the lack of a DARE program and a liaison in the Alcona Community Schools. Council Members thanked him for appearing and thanked his officers. President Jordan read the Police report that we receive every month from the Sheriff's Department.

Mike Serafin gave the Fire Department Report. There were a total of 9 medical runs and 5 fires during the month of March. One person is interested in joining the department and one has stepped down. Chief Serafin and Ryan Mendyka helped cook hot dogs for the recent Easter Egg Hunt. He also gave an update of the equipment and service that is needed. President Jordan urged him to contact someone regarding the charges for radio/communications through the State.

President Jordan asked him to check on prices for new doors for the fire hall as we had talked about in the budget meetings.

President Jordan gave the Sewer report from Richard Gillespie of Alpena Septic. Things are currently running very well. Rich did feel that we should have one of the pumps rebuilt/repared for a back-up so that we always have something available. The Street report highlighted the Region 9 Rural Task Force that involves State and Federal funds for roads and repairs. We are part of region 9 and some matching funds would be required. President Jordan has attended a meeting with Alcona County Road Commission Director Jesse Campbell. He would like to form a road committee consisting of Glenn Kohn and Phil Phillips as it is requirement to receive these funds. In order to continue we need to have an engineer of record for the Village of Lincoln. It has been suggested that we retain Huron Engineering so that we may proceed. Motion was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman to form a Street committee consisting of Phillips, Kohn and Jordan. Carried. Motion was made by Stutzman with support from Healy to retain Huron

Engineering as our engineer of record. Carried. This will hopefully help us be able to stretch our road monies further in the future. It is hoped that a 5 & 10 year road repair plan can be developed to keep all Village roads up to date. A letter was filed from the State of Michigan Department of Transportation regarding changes to our audit for state funds. It will be turned over to our auditors for review.

In old business Stutzman stated he is concerned about the closure of the road leading to the Flights of Imagination behind the Credit Union. Currently the park can only be accessed via the roadway near Cole's Warehouse. He has concerns about the ball field that has been under construction over the past several years. He asked about having the "big" ball diamond used for more events. Gauthier asked about how many teams are actually planning to use our diamonds. President Jordan feels we need a committee to work on this further. Stutzman asked to have someone take over the flowers at the playground area that he has been taking care of for several years. A thank-you note was read from Connie Stutzman. President Jordan asked that we continue to visit and keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Gauthier presented pictures of the Citizens of the Year for framing. Kohn stated that he attended the DDA meeting and brought them up to date on work on the website. He will continue to work with Eileen Oposnow on changes to the home page for the site.

In new business Somers stated that there are dogs running loose in town. He also expressed concern about the crack sealing company we used in the past. He would like to see us use a different group in the future. Kohn said he has watched a video presentation that was done of the Village. It is approximately 5 minutes long and will be able to be put on the site soon.

President Jordan thanked Holly for attending the meeting and said he is looking forward to working with her. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Approximately 220 kids participated and over 500 people attended the event and stayed for the hot dogs and chips that were served. Funds are low for this event and President Jordan stated that anyone who would like to contribute can contact Teresa Hart. A homeowner has asked for help in getting properties cleaned up along Traverse Bay State Road. President Jordan will turn this matter over to Zoning Administrator Troy Somers. ORV signs have been put up. Bill Putsky has applied for a grant from the DNR to get a new boat launch at Brownlee Lake. In order to qualify for this we would definitely need to have our Parks & Rec Plan updated. Motion was made by Gauthier with support from Healy to update our Parks & Rec plan up to \$2500. Motion carried. Bonny Gauthier will work with representatives from NEMCOG to get things started. Our maintenance man Steve has been doing a lot of spring clean-ups around town. There will be a spring county-wide clean-up on May 16th at the ARA site for County residents. All the Village vehicles have been serviced and a few repairs are still necessary. A new gas powered limb saw needs to be purchased in order to get things cleaned up.

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

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