

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 4, 2016

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday April 4th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included President Jordan, Treasurer Hussain, Clerk Somers and Council Members Gauthier, Healy, R. Somers, Stutzman and Zielinski. Pat Somers was absent. President Jordan stated that the minutes of the regular March meeting needed to have the following corrections made, Northwest Jordan Street needs to be changed to N.W. Jordan Street (2 places). Minutes of the March Meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman with the above noted changes. Minutes of the Budget Meeting were also approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. Minutes of the DNR grant public meeting were presented for informational purposes. Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Healy with support from Gauthier.

Mike Serafin, fire chief stated that there were 10 medical runs and 4 fire runs in the past month. He presented two new applicants for the fire department. Following introductions of the two applicants, motion was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman to approve hiring Michael Ashford and Bryce Franklin for the fire department. President Jordan thanked them for joining and stated that he is very proud of the work by the fire chief, assistant fire chief and all those serving the fire department and first responders. First Responder Training was cancelled for the Alpena Class due to a lack of participants. It is hoped that a class may be offered through the Alcona County EMS soon. There are a variety of training seminars being offered in the near future for various groups in both the fire department and medical first responders. Several fire department members helped with the recent Easter Egg Hunt. The first responder rig passed the state inspection. A DNR grant was secured that will help with necessary items for the brush rig. Chief Serafin gave information on a generator that he was asked to check on. He also checked on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for the hall and maintenance garage.

In public comment time Adam Brege, Gustin Township Supervisor stated that he has made the decision to run for County Commissioner for District 4. He said he hopes to apply knowledge he has learned to a new area and move up the next step in his career. Troy Somers, zoning administrator also attended the meeting. He said it is currently pretty quiet but will probably pick up when the weather warms up.

President Jordan stated that he did not receive a sewer report this month and will be addressing the issue with our provider. President Jordan attended the meeting for the Region 9 task force in Atlanta on Friday. He felt the meeting went very well. He is asking for someone from the Council to attend the meetings and learn the process. It will be beneficial to know how to apply for the road funds that can eventually save us a lot of money in the future. He will also be working with Jesse Campbell of the Road Commission to get ideas about road repairs that are needed. More road salt has been ordered. A discussion was held and Council Members agreed that it would be a good idea to order as much as possible to have on hand for next year.

In old business, R. Somers asked to have an unsightly property in the Village that needs to be taken care of. He also expressed concern about the amount of sod that needs to be fixed due to

winter plowing. President Jordan will look into both areas of concern. There is a tree across from the hall that will be taken down due concerns that it may fall into power lines etc. Zielinski asked about having a tree purchased in memory of Connie Stutzman as well as the one that is to be purchased in memory of Mary Kossa. Gauthier offered to help Zielinski take care of ordering the trees and purchasing the plaque to be placed there. A ceremony will take place when the trees are planted.

In new business Stutzman stated that snow from the Village roads may be piled on the back of his property in order to help other residents who have basements that are being flooded with the run off. Gauthier asked about the stonework around the tree planters that need to be fixed due to loose or missing parts. She stated that the Flights of Imagination Park looks very good so far.

Healy asked about the flowers that are planted. She offered to take on the task of caring for them over the summer and Zielinski offered to help with the project. Zielinski stated that about 136 children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Although the numbers were down a little this year it was still very nice.

President Jordan gave his report. The new roof on the hall is finished and looking great. A little extra had to be paid to fix boards that needed to be replaced. The DNR grants have been submitted and accepted for review through the State. Thanks Bill Putsky for your hard work.

Additionally, Bill has been notified that grant funds have been awarded through the Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00 towards a new boat launch. The Act 51 report for the state of MI has been submitted and corrections have been made. Once the winter is over and things settle down each piece of equipment in the maintenance garage will be thoroughly gone over and all repairs will be listed and then fixed. Council Members will work on the vault clean-up project following the next meeting. President Jordan expressed his thanks to Alcona Motors personnel for work on the plow that had broken down on the village pickup.

The bills were approved as presented on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy.
Carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Stutzman with support from Healy.

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