

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
August 2, 2021

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday August 2, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included President Phillips, Treasurer Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Durham, Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold. Several guests were also present. The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Somers. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Durham with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Healy with support from Wambold. Carried.

Kathy Putsky addressed a concern regarding 3 residences along Traverse Bay State Road. She stated that the properties are a mess and she would like to know what can be done. Attorney Cook stated that a warrant can be issued against the homeowners but that would involve a court hearing etc. Otherwise we can use the Circuit Court injunction that forces them to clean up things up or face jail time. Zoning Administrator Troy Somers will work with Attorney Cook and report back at the next meeting. Edna Byce addressed the speeding along North Barlow Road that prevents people from walking comfortably. Phil Jordan addressed the blight conditions in and around the community.

Parks & Rec report was given. There is in excess of \$12,000 in the new pavilion fund to date. No reports were given by the Human Resources and Planning Committees. The RRC Committee report was updated by President Phillips. NEMCOG will update and finish our paperwork for us to bring us into compliance. The cost would be around \$5,000 so President Phillips will talk with the DDA about helping with this venture. The fire department report was given by Fire Chief Billy Cordes. Warren MacNeill gave the maintenance report. He spoke about the continued problems at the beach. The slide and docks are being continuously being moved around and there is significant damage being incurred. The sewer report was given by Bill Putsky. Detroit Pump has all the parts to begin the work on the sewage lift station this month. President Phillips gave the Street and President's reports in a written report to each Council Member.

The roof at the former Our Place Restaurant has collapsed. President Phillips will contact the Building Inspector and report back at the next meeting. The electric vehicle charging post will be addressed later this week by Council Member Jason Durham. A motion was made by Healy with support from Wambold to close a

portion of Lake Street and Fiske Street for the Lincoln Car Show on August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

Lenny Avery from the ACCOA and Lana Zaghmout addressed several issues with the proposed project. A lengthy discussion followed. The apartment complex is not a Section 8 facility; it is a LIHTC facility. Should an individual have a Section 8 Voucher, they will be vetted and consideration will be given, the same as anyone without a voucher. The apartments will have approximately 20% low income residents, and the balance will be working families/individuals. The goal of the program is to provide affordable housing. Discussion was held with regards to the number of years the tax abatement commitment from the Village would remain in effect. The forty-year mortgage is held by MSHDA. Upon payment in full of the mortgage or the facility is sold, the tax abatement becomes void, and the property taxes will be assessed at the current applicable rate.

A motion was made by Wambold to adopt the ordinance with the recommended changes. Somers offered support. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Durham, Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold

NAYS; NONE

Ordinance Adopted.

### **Village of Lincoln**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-1

### **TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE**

ADOPTED:

An Ordinance to provide for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a housing project for low-income persons and families to be financed with a federally-aided Mortgage Loan pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346, as amended; MCL 125.1401, *et seq*) (the "Act").

THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLN ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.** This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the *Village of Lincoln Tax Exemption Ordinance for the Lincoln Village Apartments*.

**SECTION 2.** **Preamble.**

It is acknowledged that it is a proper public purpose of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions to provide housing for its low-income persons and families and to encourage the

development of such housing by providing for a service charge in lieu of property taxes in accordance with the Act. *The Village* is authorized by this Act to establish or change the service charge to be paid in lieu of taxes by any or all classes of housing exempt from taxation under this Act at any amount it chooses, not to exceed the taxes that would be paid but for this Act. It is further acknowledged that such housing for low-income persons and families is a public necessity, and as the Village will be benefited and improved by such housing, the encouragement of the same by providing real estate tax exemption for such housing is a valid public purpose. It is further acknowledged that the continuance of the provisions of this Ordinance for tax exemption and the service charge in lieu of all *ad valorem* taxes during the period contemplated in this Ordinance are essential to the determination of economic feasibility of the housing projects that is constructed or rehabilitated with financing extended in reliance on such tax exemption.

The Village acknowledges that the Sponsor (as defined below) has offered, subject to receipt of an allocation under the LIHTC Program by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, to construct/acquire own and operate a housing project identified as Lincoln Village Apartments on certain property located in the Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, MI described for taxes purposes as

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, T26N-R08E, Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan being more particularly described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 1, thence S 88°28'02" W, along the East & West 1/4 line, 33.00 to a point on the West line of Barlow Road (66 feet wide), said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S 88°28'02" W, 781.79 feet, thence N 01°23'22" W, parallel to the East section line, 917.56 feet; thence N 88°23'49" E, 431.79 feet; thence S 01°23'22" E, parallel to the East section line 350.00 feet, thence N 88°26'07" E, 350.00 feet to a point on the West line of Barlow Road (66 feet wide), thence S 01°23'22" E, along said West line 568.28 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 13.66 acres of land and subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any.

to serve low-income persons and families, and that the Sponsor has offered to pay the Village on account of this housing project an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all *ad valorem* property taxes.

**SECTION 3. Definitions.**

- A. Authority means the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.
- B. Annual Shelter Rent means the total collections during an agreed annual period from or paid on behalf of all occupants of a housing project representing rent or occupancy charges, exclusive of Utilities
- D. LIHTC Program means the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program administered by the Authority under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- E. Low Income Persons and Families means persons and families eligible to move into a housing project.

F. Mortgage Loan means a loan that is Federally-Aided (as defined in Section 11 of the Act) or a loan or grant made or to be made by the Authority to the Sponsor for the construction, rehabilitation, acquisition and/or permanent financing of a housing project, and secured by a mortgage on the housing project.

G. Sponsor means Alcona County Commission on Aging (“ACCOA”) and any entity that receives or assumes a Mortgage Loan.

H. Utilities means charges for gas, electric, water, sanitary sewer and other utilities furnished to the occupants that are paid by the housing project.

**SECTION 4. Class of Housing Projects.**

It is determined that the class of housing projects to which the tax exemption shall apply and for which a service charge shall be paid in lieu of such taxes shall be housing projects for Low Income Persons and Families that are financed with a Mortgage Loan. It is further determined that Lincoln Village Apartments is approved for tax exemption under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Establishment of Annual Service Charge.**

The housing project identified in Section 4 and the property on which it is located shall be exempt from all *ad valorem* property taxes from and after the commencement of construction or rehabilitation. The Village acknowledges that the Sponsor and the Authority have established the economic feasibility of the housing project in reliance upon the enactment and continuing effect of this Ordinance, and the qualification of the housing project for exemption from all *ad valorem* property taxes and a payment in lieu of taxes as established in this Ordinance. Therefore, in consideration of the Sponsor's offer to construct and operate the housing project, the Village agrees to accept payment of an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all *ad valorem* property taxes. Subject to receipt of a Mortgage Loan, the annual service charge shall be equal to 2.5% of the Annual Shelter Rents actually collected by the housing project during each operating year.

**SECTION 6. Contractual Effect of Ordinance.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15(a)(5) of the Act to the contrary, a contract between the Village and the Sponsor with the Authority as third party beneficiary under the contract, to provide tax exemption and accept payments in lieu of taxes, as previously described, is effectuated by enactment of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. Limitation on the Payment of Annual Service Charge.**

Notwithstanding Section 5, the service charge to be paid each year in lieu of taxes for the part of the housing project that is tax exempt but which is occupied by other than low-income persons or families shall be equal to the full amount of the taxes which would be paid on that portion of the housing project if the housing project were not tax exempt.

**SECTION 8.        Payment of Service Charge.**

The annual service charge in lieu of taxes as determined under this Ordinance shall be payable in the same manner as general property taxes are payable to the Village and distributed to the several units levying the general property tax in the same proportion as prevailed with the general property tax in the previous calendar year. The annual payment for each operating year shall be paid on or before *June 30th* of the following year. Collection procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of the General Property Tax Act (1893 PA 206, as amended; MCL 211.1, *et seq*).

**SECTION 9.        Duration.**

The Ordinance shall remain in effect and shall not terminate so long as a Mortgage Loan remains outstanding and unpaid or the housing project remains subject to income and rent restrictions under the LIHTC Program. The ordinance shall be terminated if and when the housing project is no longer subject to a Mortgage Loan or no longer subject to income and rent restrictions under the LIHTC Program.

**SECTION 10.      Severability.**

The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance, other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 11.      Inconsistent Ordinances**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

**SECTION 12      Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective on August 2, 2021, as provided in the Village Charter.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

**VILLAGE CLERK**

Sheila R. Phillips

Linda K. Somers

A motion to adjourn was made by Healy with support from Wambold. Carried.

Linda K. Somers

Village Clerk

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