

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 5, 2022

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday December 5, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Gauthier, Lucas, Schick, and Wambold. Durham was absent. Attorney David Cook swore in newly elected officials, Phillips, Mahalak, Somers and Wambold. Meeting dates were set for the 2023 calendar year. The following dates were set: Wed. January 4th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1, June 5th, Thurs. July 6th, August 7th, September 6th Wednesday, October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th. All meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Budget Workshop is February 15th at 6 p.m. A motion to accept meeting dates was made by Schick with support from Wambold. Carried. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Schick. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Gauthier.

Guests Liz and Marty Connolly introduced themselves to Council Members. They are new to the Village and were welcomed by all. President Phillips offered an update on the possibility of becoming a Host Community Development Program. She will be talking with members of the DDA group about joining forces. The DDA tax increment plan is nearing completion. The pavilion is finished and it has been approved by the building inspector. Christine Skuse and Destinee Wambold of the Planning Commission presented a tax abatement policy for consideration. A motion was made by Brett Wambold to adopt the Tax Abatement Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Debbie Lucas. The Ordinance will be on display at the Library in Lincoln. The Ordinance follows:

TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE
for Commercial and Industrial Facilities
Ordinance 22-1

The Village of Lincoln has set forth the following goals and objectives:

1. To expand the tax base of the Village of Lincoln
2. To encourage development which will increase the economic vitality of the business districts of the Village
3. To create and retain employment from existing facilities that might otherwise leave the Village

4. To assist in the rehabilitation of older facilities and/or expansions of existing businesses

5. To enhance the general attractiveness of the Community

Abatement terms will be granted to successful applicants based on the cumulative total of the following:

1. One year of abatement for every \$50,000 in total investment, plus
2. One year abatement for every \$20,000 in façade development, plus
3. One year of abatement for every (new) full-time equivalent job created, plus
4. One year if at least 25% of total materials and/or labor expense is provided by businesses located within the Village limits.
5. No abatement periods can exceed those allowed in the Act through which abatement is granted.

Nothing within this ordinance shall imply or suggest that the Village of Lincoln Council is under any obligation to provide tax abatements to any applicant, regardless of the extent to which an applicant is able to meet provisions contained herein. Certificates for abatement under all the Acts referenced in this policy are granted by the State Tax Commission, which may deny such certificated even if approved by the Village Council.

A roll call vote was taken. Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Wambold AYE 4 Council Member Durham was absent, NAYS 0. A public hearing for the Tax Abatement Ordinance will take place on Wednesday January 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall at 117 W. Fiske St. Lincoln MI. The regular monthly Village Council meeting will follow.

Mahalak gave the Zoning report. It has been a busy month. One court judgement has been handed down and there are other property owners that will be receiving a letter from our Attorney. Billy Cordes gave the Fire Department report.

Wambold made a motion to advertise for a Council Member. Gauthier gave support. Carried. Phillips gave the Street Report. Lenny Avery brought a copy of the plans for the building project for the ACCOA for Council Members to look over. Motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Schick.

Linda K. Somers

Village Clerk

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