VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 6th, 2017

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday February 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included; President Jordan, Treasurer Hussain, Clerk Somers and Council Members Gauthier, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. Absent was Council Member Healy. The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Putsky. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Holly stated that she attended a meeting regarding a new program for the tax collection called BS&A. She said it is a very detailed program and it will be much easier to access the information when needed. It will cost $1,890 to start the program and then an additional $380 per year to keep it going. In the long run it will be a cost saving measure that the Village, County and Township Treasurer's will be using. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Mahalak to pay for the program in full and amend the budget if necessary to cover the cost. Motion Carried. Mike Serafin, fire chief gave the fire and first responder report. He stated there were 7 medical and 5 fire runs in the past month. Mike then introduced Joe Maher who is a paramedic with the Alcona County EMS. Joe has expressed interest in becoming a member of the first responders. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Mahalak to approve Joe as a new first responder. Carried. There was a training exercise with members of the County EMS recently. Mike is currently looking into grant funding for future projects.

In public comment time Ed Beulow congratulated the Council Members for approving Joe Maher tonight. He stated that he has seen Joe in action at his regular job and said he is impressed.

President Jordan gave the street report. Currently we are just trying to keep the streets free of snow and ice. There have been some issues with the dump truck and the tractor recently. Kenny LaLonde is rebuilding the brake cylinders and will be putting new brakes and shoes on the tractor. The dump truck is running fine again.   He would like to see us consider doing some crack sealing in the spring.   The Sewer report was given. The flow meters were all up and doing fine for a short time, now they are not working properly again. President Jordan talked with Rich Gillespie and they will be talking with Dave Walters of the DEQ trying to get the certification that is necessary for the groundwater excess permit.

In old business Gauthier stated that she has looked over the web site and she would like to see the businesses add some pictures. She feels it is going in the right direction. Putsky said he is still working with the DNR regarding the grant funds. We are just awaiting news on how and when we can proceed. Zielinski said she and Karen are continuing to work on the website. In new business Putsky asked about why there isn't a recycle bin in the communities that can be used by residents. He has noticed that there are containers in several surrounding communities. A discussion followed and several ideas were talked about. More information will be presented at next month's meeting.

President Jordan gave his report. Judy French has asked about doing a cleanup in and around the Flights of Imagination with her 4-H Club in the spring. Council Members are grateful for the offer of help. The new wireless routers have been installed at the Village Hall and will be helpful in our printing needs as well. He reminded drivers to beware of the excess number of deer in the community. The rotary broom that is used on the sidewalks needs to be repaired.

President Jordan expressed his thanks for Steve Slater and his dedication to the job as our maintenance man.

The bills were approved for payment as presented on a motion from Zielinski with support from Gauthier. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers

Village Clerk

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