

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 5, 2015

Lincoln Village Council met on Monday January 5, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present included President Jordan, Treasurer Kossa, Clerk Somers and Council Members: Healy, Kohn, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman.

Gauthier was absent.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion from Phillips with support from Stutzman. Treasurer's Reports were approved subject to audit on a motion from Phillips with support from Stutzman. Treasurer Kossa stated that we need to be very cautious with our spending. More discussion will take place during the upcoming budget workshop on Wednesday evening.

In public comment time Eric Bates asked about the water problem on the street in front of his business on Second Street. President Jordan stated that the DDA has already appropriated the funds to have the drainage issue resolved as soon as the weather permits. He asked about the procedures for snow removal as he feels that things need to be attended to faster. We are having a lot of break downs and it is hoped that things can be repaired and we can get back on track very soon. Kathy Putsky stated that they have purchased more lights for next year's Christmas season at a very good price. She offered to order more lights and was directed to purchase up to 10 more sets.

Mike Serafin, fire chief gave his report. There were a total of 15 MFR runs and 4 Fire runs during the month. There were 2 car accidents that were part of this number. The department is having problems with an air compressor so he is checking prices for a new one. A training exercise is scheduled for January 31st for ice rescue on Brownlee Lake. He is hoping to get more departments to participate in the event.

President Jordan gave the Street Report. There were some repairs done on Second and Traverse Bay Streets. The Sewer Report was presented from Alpena Septic Service. So far things are going very well.

In Old Business Glenn Kohn stated that he was impressed with the Festival of Lights celebration in early December. He further thanked maintenance man Steve for taking down a tree that needed to be attended to. Phil Phillips passed out a report he has put together relating to a request for a flashing light at the intersection of Barlow Road and Traverse Bay Street. He stated that there are strict guidelines from the State of Michigan regarding placement of a light.

Although there are a few accidents over past few years it is a recommendation that we can improve the site by doing improvements to our current pavement markings. A meeting will be held on January 12th with someone from MDOT and the Alcona County Road Commission.

President Jordan and Phil Phillips will be attending and will report back at a later date. Sara Healy gave a report of the winners of the Festival of Lights contest. 1st Place: Joe & June Lincoln, 2nd Ralph & Kay Diamond, 3rd Phil & Vickie Phillips, 4th Roxanne Hanner and 5th Jerry & Diana Burt. The Travelling Trophy for business went to Gillies Funeral Home.

Stutzman asked whether or not the irrigation system was blown out as part of the fall clean up.

It has been taken care of. He also asked about having a curb put near the Credit Union to fix the deep pot holes that keep cropping up. Phillips will talk with someone and see what can be done.

In new business Kohn stated that he has had people contact him regarding things within the Village. One question was about snowmobiling/ORV use in the Village. Currently there are no restrictions within the Village. There have been incidents of people running their machines on the ball diamonds and other Village property. Phillips asked if we can use signs we have stating that ORV traffic is prohibited on Village property. Attorney Cook stated that we can restrict it wherever we need to. Once it is posted he advised that we call the Sheriff's Department and have them handle it. He also was asked about having new businesses brought into the community. He has attended the DDA meeting and said he is impressed with the dedication of those on the board there who are trying to get businesses here. He would like to have the meeting minutes of the DDA put on the Village website.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that Bonny Gauthier is no longer interested in being the President Pro-tem due to her other obligations. Phil Phillips is willing to take over as the Pro-tem. Congratulations Phil. Planning Commission meetings are put on hold until further notice. Thanks to those who helped with the Festival of Lights. A special thanks to Alcona Boys Basketball team! The parks and recreation plan is on hold until plans can be made regarding a possible grant application. Once totals are in a determination will be made whether or not we will need to update the P&R plan. President Jordan thanked Bill Putsky for his help working on the possible grant needs. Thanks to Phil Phillips for the donation of a water cooler for the Village Hall. There are a lot of problems with the loader. It needs to be fixed as soon as possible. We also need to find someone as an Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. An ad will be put together to advertise for interested persons.

Motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Phillips with support from Stutzman. Carried.
Motion to adjourn was made by Phillips with support from Kohn. Carried.

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