

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 4, 2016

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday January 4th at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance included: President Phillip Jordan, Clerk Linda Somers, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Holly Hussain and Council Members, Bonny Gauthier, Sara Healy, Richard Somers and John Stutzman. Absent were Treasurer Mary Kossa and Council Member Patricia Somers. Also present were Attorney David Cook and guests.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier/Stutzman. A letter of resignation was read from Treasurer Mary Kossa effective today, January 4th 2016. Motion was made by Stutzman/Gauthier to accept the resignation with regret. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gauthier/Healy to appoint Holly Hussain in as Treasurer for the Village of Lincoln. Carried. Attorney Cook swore Amanda Zielinski in as a new Council Member and Holly Hussain as Village Treasurer. President Jordan welcomed both ladies. No Treasurer's report was given due to the situation that has occurred. Holly and Linda will be working to get everything up to speed as soon as possible. Motion was made by Gauthier/Healy to have all the signature cards changed at the bank and Credit Union to remove Mary's name and add Holly's name. Additionally anything else that needs to have signature or name changes including the safety deposit box, credit card, website et will be taken care of. Carried.

Mike Serafin gave the fire department/first responder report. He gave an overview of all the month's activities. He presented Kristen Hoffman for consideration as a new fire fighter/first responder. Motion was made by Healy/Gauthier to accept Kristen Hoffman. Mike gave a report on some repairs that are needed for equipment in the department.

President Jordan gave the street report. He stated that the recent snowstorm was the worst one he has witnessed. It was a terribly wet, heavy snow that was extremely hard to move. Gauthier asked if we perhaps need to have someone called in to help get it moved faster. President Jordan stated that if we have a similar situation again he will have to consider calling someone for back up. President Jordan apologized for the trouble caused by the snow removal problems for residents. The sewer report was given. Our flow meter has been repaired. It gave a false report due to being faulty. A report is sent monthly to DEQ for the state of Michigan. Dave Walters of the DEQ spoke with Phil and stated that he had noticed the high numbers so he was pleased that it has been repaired.

In public comment time, Ed Beulow wished the Village Council best wishes in the coming year and great success in their future endeavors.

There was no old business.

In new business President Jordan asking Amanda to be the liaison for the Village website and work with Karen Godi and Eileen Oposnow. She gladly accepted.

Motion to support the Alcona County GIS was made by Gauthier/Stutzman in the amount of \$50 per year. Carried.

President Jordan gave his report. Both sets of bleachers have been totally revamped.

Gauthier asked about removing them for the winter months, perhaps next year it would be possible. Morgan electric will fix the electrical issues near the Post Office and Village Hall as soon as possible. An updated contract was presented for consideration for Village Maintenance man Steve Slater. Motion was made by Stutzman/Gauthier to offer Steve Slater a 6 year contract that will include a flexibility clause for up to 5 more hours per week if necessary. Additionally he will be given a pager to be kept on him at all times. Carried. A suggestion was discussed about having a map and/or addresses of Celebration of Lights winners. This would enable people to find the winning entrants

Motion to pay the bills was made by Healy/Gauthier,carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier/Stutzman, carried.

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