VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS January 4, 2017

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday January 4, 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, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Mahalak. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Carried.

Mike Serafin gave the Fire and First Responder report for the month. He announced that Rob Clink has returned to serve as a firefighter. Rob has taken training and is now certified to do fire inspections. Fire trainings are being held on the weekends for several of the fire department members.

Raleigh Potts attended the meeting to update the Council on the Brownlee Lake dock/swim project. Although a letter was received that the grant application was turned down at this time, President Jordan suggested having the docks and slide ordered. He stated that the group should continue to work towards the goal of getting them in time for the Summer Season. The Lincoln Lions have committed to helping with this project and he believes it is a good thing for the Council to be a part of. There are a variety of ideas to help raise funds.

President Jordan gave the street report. He stated that this past month has been a tough one for break downs of equipment. Thanks to Kenny Lalonde for his help in fixing everything up for us. Thanks to John Bernard of JB Auto for towing the pickup that broke down. Everything is fixed and in good shape again. We now will focus on keeping up with the snow and ice. Steve Slater and Derek Stoinski have been working very well together in getting everything cleared up quickly. The Sewer report was given. The past few months have been troublesome. Alpena Septic Service has gotten our system back online and things are going well finally. President Jordan stated that he has committed to getting a ground water discharge permit that will cost \$200 per year. He stated that this would be a good investment. He has been in close contact with Gary Bartow of Fleis & Vandenbrink and Rich Gillespie of Alpena Septic.

In Old Business, Healy stated that she would like to have a search function added to the web site. She also presented changes to the Civil Rights Resolution that we should have on display in all the Village buildings. A motion was made by Healy with support from Zielinski to amend the Civil Rights Resolution/Policy to include the following words; gender expression, gender identity or sexual orientation. Carried. Zielinski stated that she will be working with Karen Godi on the website very soon.

In New Business Bill Putsky stated that we were awarded a grant through the DNR for the boat launch. The old launch will be taken out and a new one will be put in. Additionally there will be handicapped accessible areas and parking added. Thank you Bill! The Brownlee Lake Association have also committed to giving \$3,000 towards the project. Part of the grant means we will be having a grand opening ceremony when it is finished.

President Jordan gave his report. The Christmas lights have been turned off and most of the decorations will be taken down soon. The white lights on the trees will remain on until spring. President Jordan and Holly Hussain will be at the office each week on Wednesdays from 9 till noon. A new copy machine has been delivered to the hall. We will be installing 2 modems that will provide wireless copying capabilities for use within the hall.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Mahalak with support from Healy. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Healy with support from Gauthier. Carried. Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk
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